

# Good morning Child Care Partners,

The State of Florida is now in Phase II: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step Plan for Florida's Recovery. Though the State and Central Florida have seen an increase in cases, businesses are continuing to expand their business service model. Additionally, schools are reopening with EdLaunch on August 10, with face-to-face beginning on August 21. That means the demand for childcare will continue to increase. Therefore, the Early Learning Coalition of Orange remains committed to providing you with timely information that affects and impacts your programs and the children and families you serve. Be sure to tune in to our weekly webinar and look out for these newsletters twice a week. These newsletters will provide you guidance and resources during these unsure times. You can also review updates by visiting our website at www.elcoc.org

Weekly Provider Webinar: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recor ding/7881742859781937414

### ELC of Orange Weekly Provider Meeting: COVID-19

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Join us for a webinar on Aug 10, 2020 at 1:00 PM EDT.

#### Register now!

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

View System Requirements

#### In the Event you have a confirmed case of

**COVID -19** at your center or family child care home please call the Orange County Health Department at (407) 858-1400 and email us at <u>QualityPrograms@elcoc.org</u>. Both agencies will provide required guidance and next steps. Early Learning Providers & the Early Learning Coalition of Orange County Committed Partners



# CARES \$\$\$ is here!

# Two Grants have now become available:

- Two Grants are now available.
  They close on Friday, August 7,
  2020. Do not miss this opportunity:
  - Phase I: Emergency Child Care Relief Grants: This is

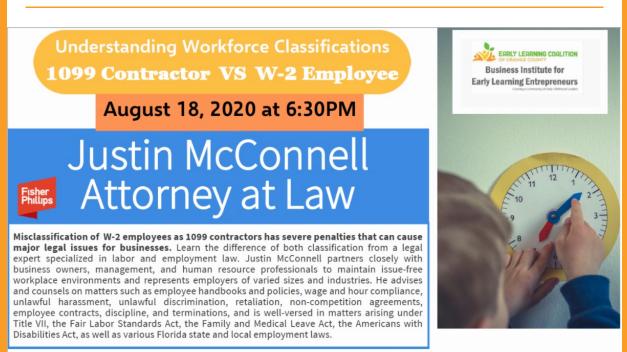


for Contracted and Non-contracted Providers who were open on April 30, 2020

• Phase II: High-Quality Reopening Support Grant Reopen/Planned Reopening Grants: This is for Contracted and Non-contracted Providers who were closed on April 30, 2020 and are open or plan to reopen by August 1, 2020.

o The criteria for the grants is straight forward and strict. If you would like to know more specific on these two available grants, please review the presentation here (insert link for CARES\$\$\$ - Grants information PDF attached) or watch the recorded webinar.

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Registration Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1837005062754606352

# **Opening Up for America's Children: A Guide for Best Practices amid COVID-19 Pandemic**

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- The Early Learning Coalition of Orange County has prepared a guide to promote staged reintegration of child care programs and settings. These concise and direct recommendations were prepared and drafted to provide simple straight forward guidance in unprecedented times. The guidance is based on CDC recommendations, NAEYC best practices, and providers in the field carrying on the essential work for families and business.
- To access the written guidance (and next week's video vignettes) follow the instructions at this link <u>Click here to review</u>.

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# Click here for Business Funding Resources

families.

ELCOC Provider Business Resources

If your program is currently closed and you are not providing care to children, please complete the Child Care Closure survey.

If you have already completed the survey, please do not attempt to complete it again. If you need to extend closure dates, please send an email to <u>qualityprograms@elcoc.org</u> with your program's name and the date you need to change to.

Take the closure survey here



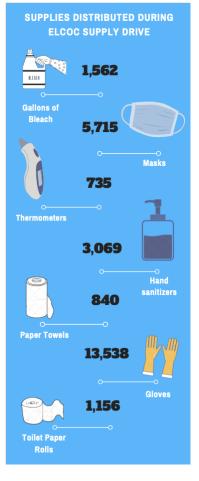


# Child Care Supply Distribution Wrap-up

The Coalition takes great pride in being able to provide assistance to providers who were able to keep their doors open. You have been pillars of hope for your community and we couldn't be more proud of each and every one of you.

It has been an absolute pleasure being able to help those who have been making a great impact in our community during these trying times.

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks, for all of your hard work and diligence throughout this process. As we bring the supply drive to a close, we would like you all to know that the Coalition is here to assist you should you need us. You are a part of our Early Learning family and it is our duty to serve you.



If you have any questions regarding this past supply drive, please reach out to Linton Lewis, Volunteer Coordinator at 407-841-6607 ext. 308 or email LLewis@elcoc.org.

Best Practices for Child Care Centers

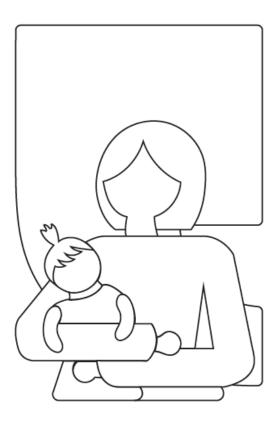


To assure you have the latest guidance related to business and sanitation for COVID-19, please <u>Click</u> <u>Here</u>.

# **Click Here for Printable COVID-19 Resources for your Child Care Center**



# Every word you say builds your child's brain



Research shows that children do better in school when their parents talk and interact with them from birth. Make the most of your time together by using the **3Ts**.

**Tune In:** Be in the moment. **Talk More:** Use a wide variety of words. **Take Turns:** Engage your child in conversation.

When you use a**ll 3Ts** at once, you build the strongest possible brain for your child.

For more tips and tools, sign up for the free app at the3Ts.org!





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#### ANY TIME IS SIGN UP FOR TUNE TALK MORE TAKE T

#### Playtime

During your next playtime, you could talk about the:

- tall tower
- noisy truck
- sleeping dolly
- silly song



#### Mealtime

During your next mealtime, you could talk about the:

- crunchy apple
- orange crackers
- 2 cookies
- leafy broccoli





#### Bath Time

During your next bath time, you could talk about the:

- tiny bubbles
- wet baby
- floating duck
- slippery soap

Pay attention to what your child is focused on, then talk about it to have a conversation!

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