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- DATE: March 23, 2020 REVISED June 5, 2020
- TO: Birth to Three Early Intervention Service (EIS) Providers
- FROM: Beth Bye, Commissioner
- RE: Coronavirus Memo #11 REVISED OEC Birth to Three Providers Fiscal and Home Visit Guidance Related to COVID-19/ Corona Virus

The Office of Early Childhood wishes to provide guidance to our funded Birth to Three providers to ensure stability of programs during this very challenging COVID-19 situation. We realize that consistent and accurate information is of utmost importance.

Given the recent efforts to reopen Connecticut while continuing to prevent the spread of COVID-19, all Birth to Three Programs shall primarily have staff working from home using Remote Early Intervention (EI) as posted in the related procedures on our website at <u>https://www.birth23.org/providers/providerresources/procedures/</u>. In addition to Remote EI, some in-person visits may be scheduled as needed following the <u>guidance</u> issued by the Office of Early Childhood.

As always, please encourage all staff to continue to implement good public health practices to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These practices include frequent handwashing, covering their mouth with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing, avoiding touching their eyes, nose or mouth with their hands and most importantly staying home when they are sick. The CDC website includes links to tip sheets, posters on handwashing, and tips for families in its <u>Interim Guidance for Administrators of US</u> <u>ChildCare Programs and K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease.</u> All CDC guidance is updated as necessary to respond to this changing situation.

Thank you for your continued efforts to protect the health and safety of Connecticut's children.