

CTCARES for Child Care Businesses

An OEC Care Package to help with program expenses

Commissioner Beth Bye - June 19, 2020 & June 22, 2020



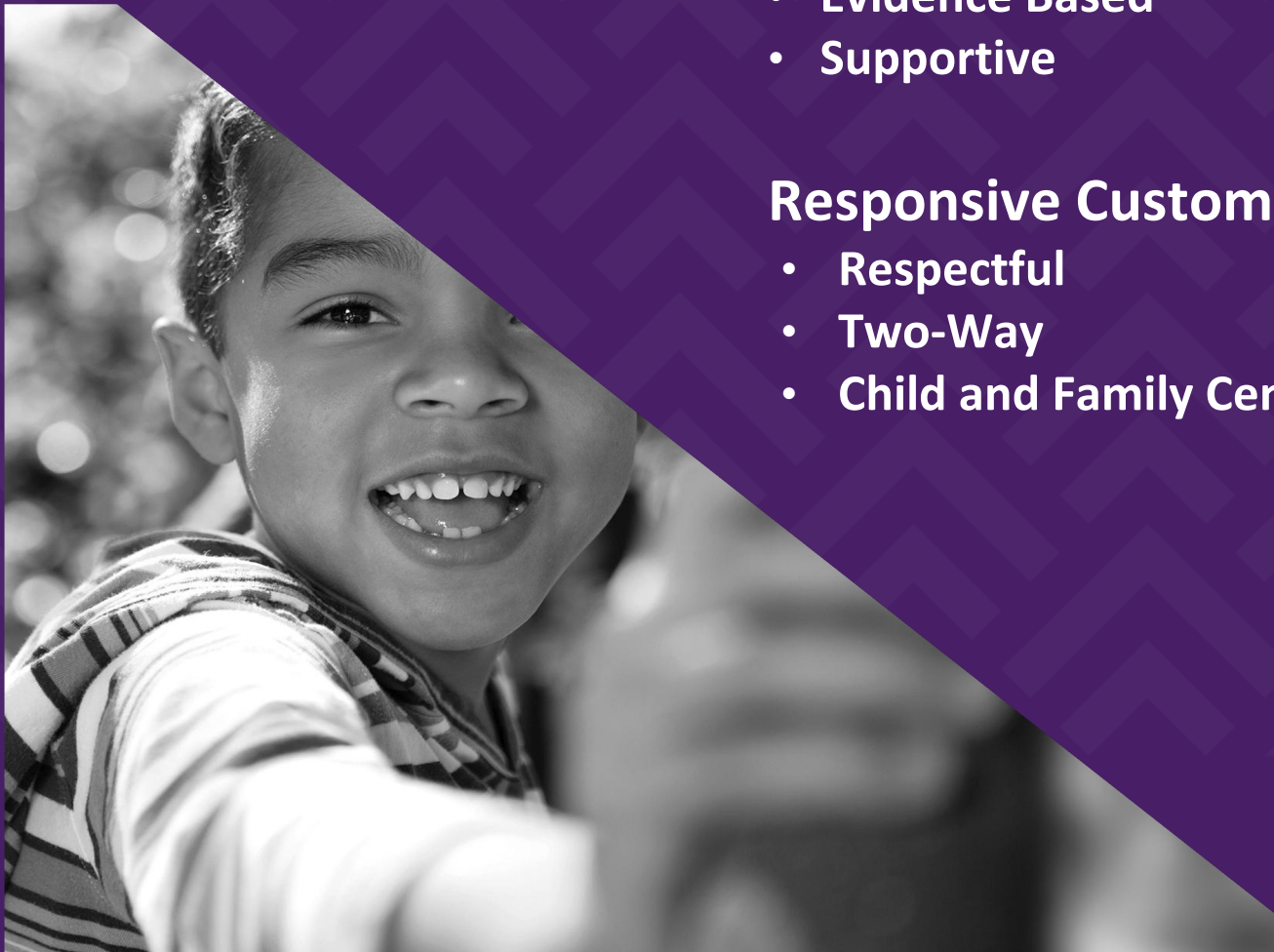
Our Ethos for Children & Families

Safe, High-Quality Programming for All

- Accessible
- Equitable and Inclusive
- Evidence Based
- Supportive

Responsive Customer Care

- Respectful
- Two-Way
- Child and Family Centered



WHAT WE WILL DISCUSS TODAY

- Business Reflections
- ESF14 Recovery - Guiding Principles
- Business Survey 1
- CTCARES for Child Care Businesses
and the CarePackage
- Q&A

“I have very little income coming in and I am worried my program won’t survive.”

“ideas on disinfecting and keeping little ones from putting things in mouths and not sharing. Keeping children safe.”

“Gloves!”

“I don't understand much of that [applying for assistance], I'm afraid of having debts.”

“We stopped taking in tuition and we stopped paying teachers... If I could get a grant to pay them I would love it but I cannot afford a loan.”

“The current ECE business model isn’t designed for sustainability and the reality is that many child care centers will find it difficult, if not impossible, to re-open after the pandemic has subsided. We have a responsibility, as a field, to think ahead and use recovery grants, loans and TA to help address key structural issues.”

-Louise Stoney

ESF14 RECOVERY - GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Health and safety of children, families, staff, partners
- Maintain and expand access to high quality programs
 - Financial support to retain and stabilize programs
 - Stabilize workforce
 - Strengthen business health and quality of programs
 - Build capacity (mindful of settings, ages, and gaps)
- Continuity of care: same child / teacher / program
- Partner to ensure all voices are represented
- Overall operational simplicity



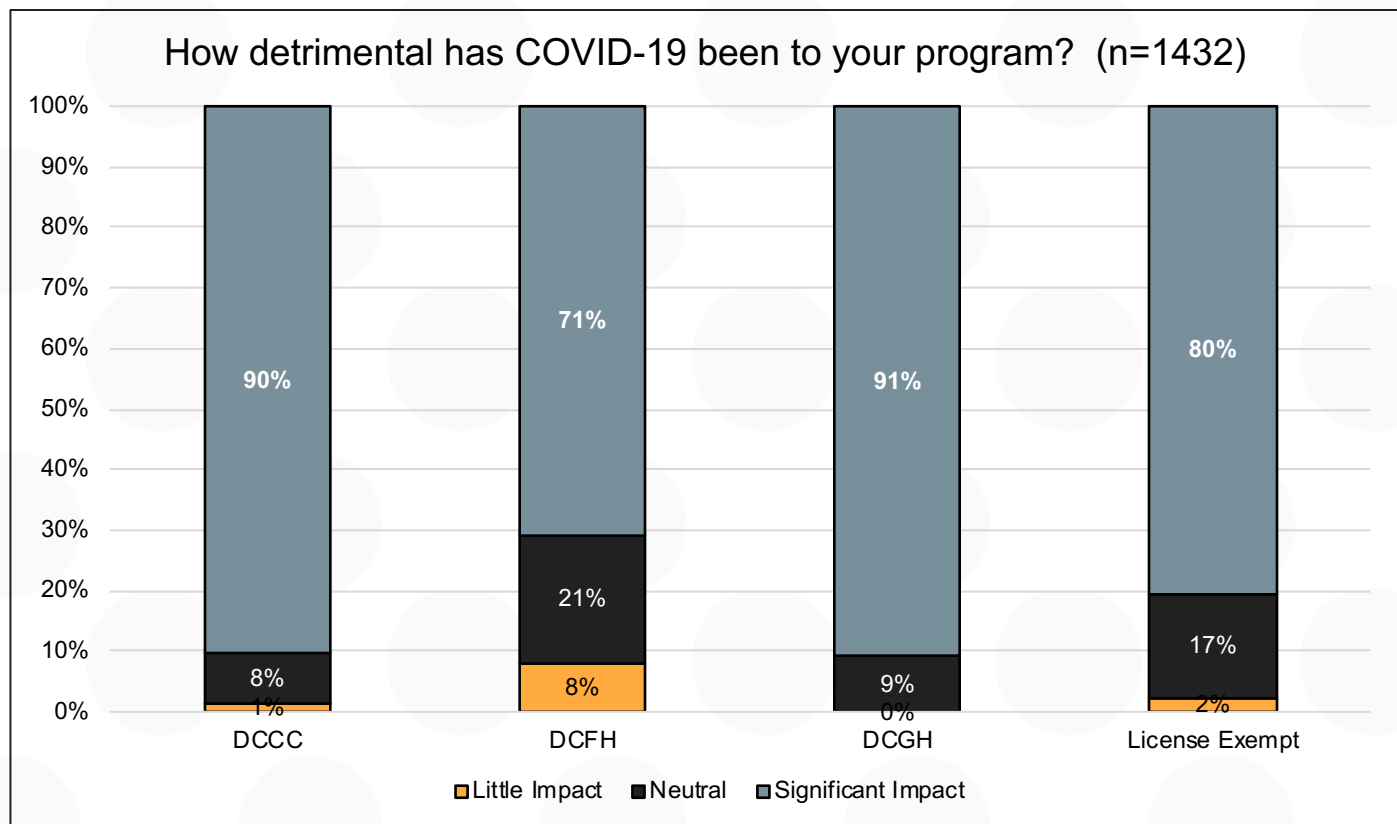
ABOUT BUSINESS SURVEY 1

- **Your input shaped this package – you were generous with your sharing and we deeply appreciate it.**
- The survey was open May 5-18, 2020
- Licensed family child care homes, group homes, and centers (DCFH, DCGH, DCCC) and license exempt state funded programs emailed specific links to the survey.
- Responses voluntary.
- 1,548 programs responded - 39% response rate
 - (~42% of DCFHs and ~48% of DCCC/DCGHs).

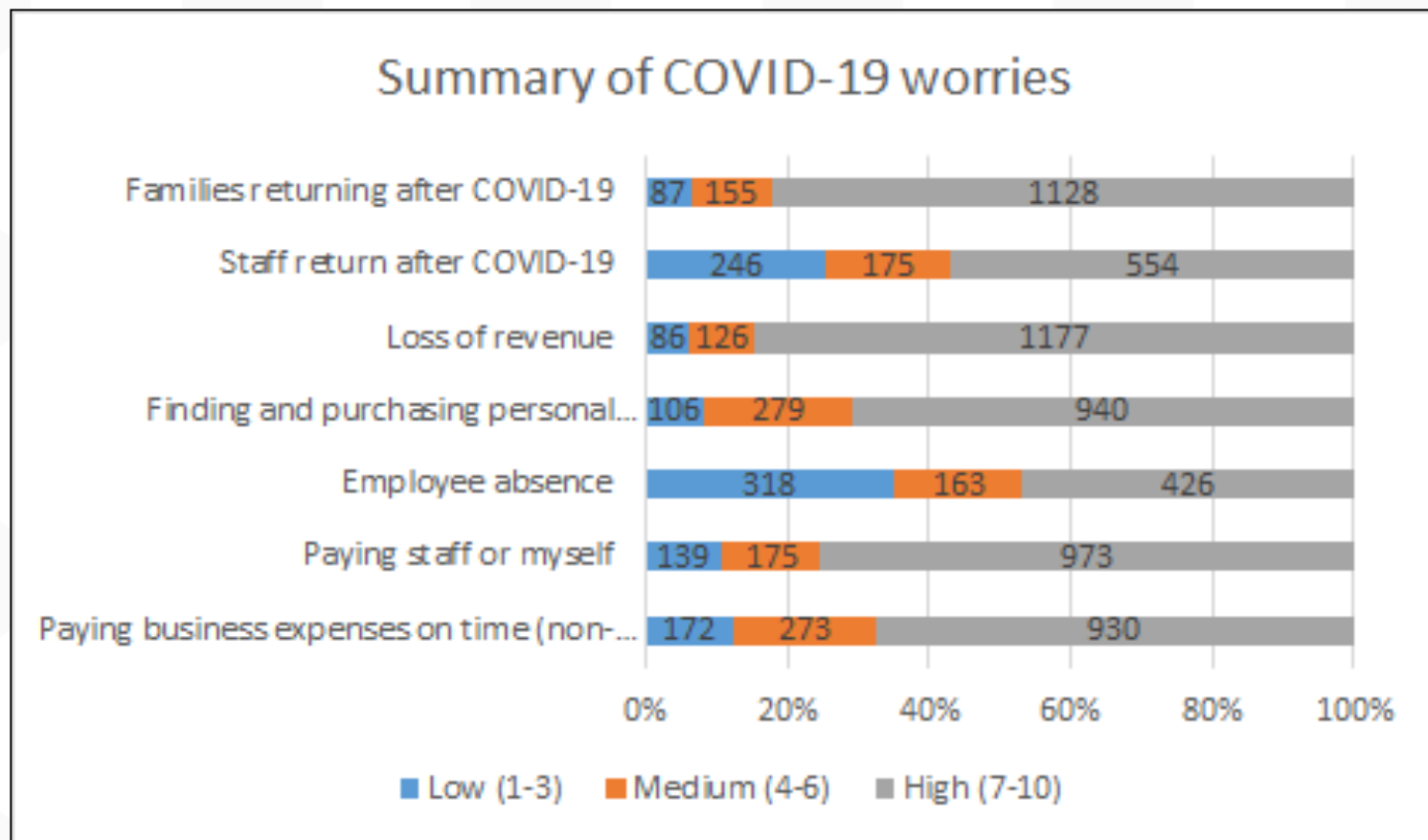


HOW YOU WILL SEE SURVEY DATA

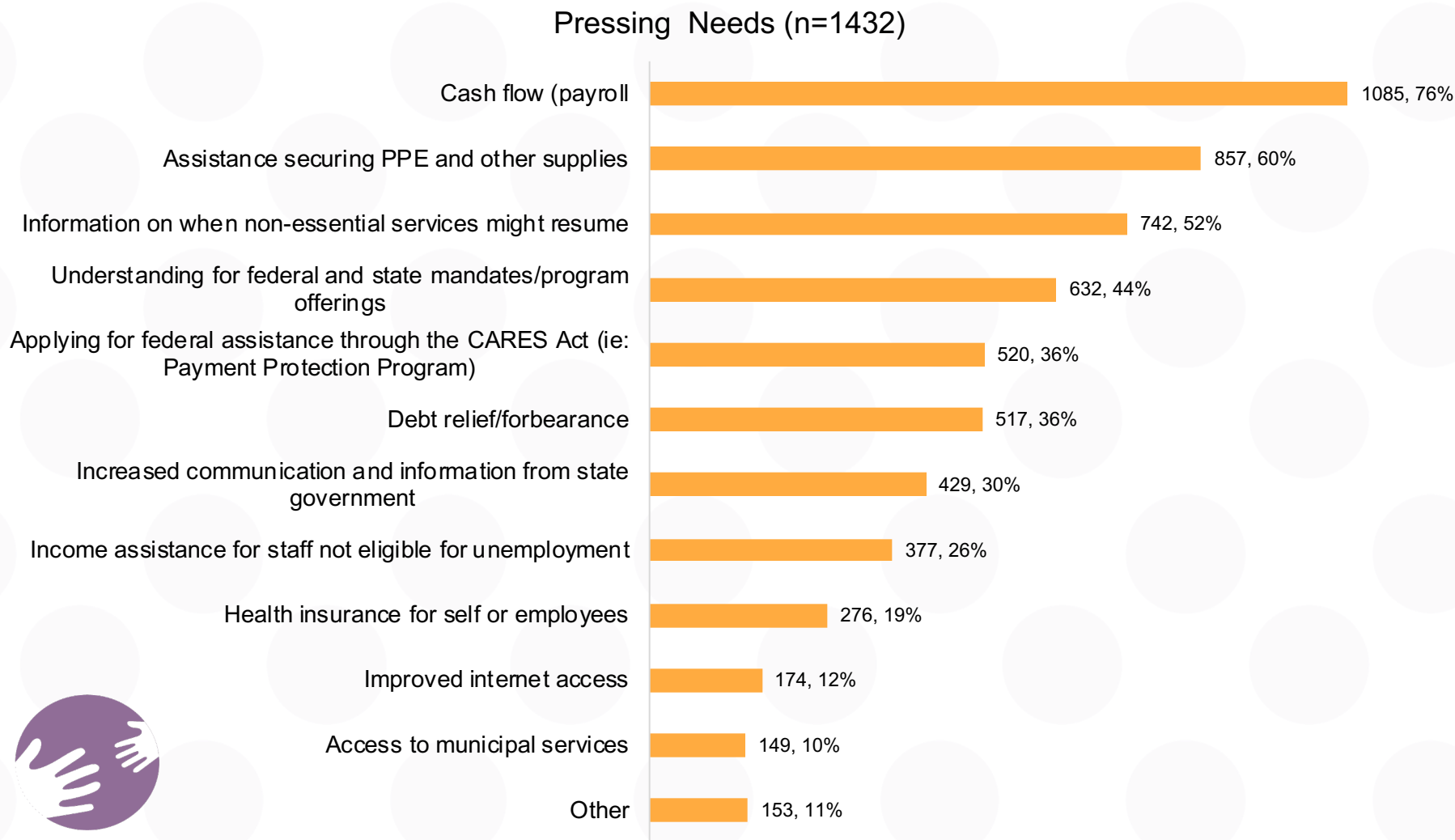
OEC will share the full report and summary, and frequently reference survey data on our website. This data frames many conversations, decisions, requests... For example...



HOW WORRIED ARE YOU ABOUT...?



MOST PRESSING NEEDS GOVERNMENT CAN HELP YOU WITH?



PHASES AND LAYERS OF SUPPORT

- Disaster recovery is immediate, short term, and long term.
- Recovery has many phases and layers.
- Initial phase supports:
 - Unemployment benefits (regular, PUA, FPUC to end of July)
 - Federal Head Start commitment
 - OEC state funded program commitments (Care4Kids, School Readiness, Child Day Care contract, State Head Start)
 - OEC's CTCARES suite (Hospital Workers/Project 26, Frontline Workers, Child Care/Essential Workers, Family Child Care)
 - Federal loans, grants, tax credits (including PPP, HEDCO, EIDL, COVID-19 medical leave cost reimbursement)
 - Private loans and grants



NEED for Immediate Federal Support

- Our fear is losing healthy, safe programs for children, families and staff.
- Our need is a emergency federal funds for child care providers.
- Our next steps help programs with expenses, knowing we can't make programs whole.
- Our work will continue – advocacy, listening, planning, responding.



CTCARES



Child Care Businesses



CTCARES for Child Care Businesses is here to support your child care program. Funds are now available to pay for a variety of items you need to operate during COVID-19 and recovery. Early childhood programs are similar yet different. You decide what you will use.

EXPENSE KICKSTART:

Funding for a variety of program expenses.

SUPPLY SUBSIDY:

Offsets your cleaning supply expenses... We're cleaning more than ever!

HEALTH TRAINING SUBSIDY:

Expands Thrive to coordinate First Aid / CPR / medical admin training to programs statewide.

BACKGROUND CHECK SUBSIDY:

Covers the cost for those new to hire or expiring.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Free online training via Registry account, and scholarship for credit and degree coursework.

BUSINESS SUPPORT:

Group and individualized business coaching and training, funding application support, and incentives.

PROGRAM QUALITY SUPPORTS:

Statewide quality improvement support via Accreditation Quality Initiative Supports (AQIS) for centers, and Staffed Family Child Care Networks.

COMMUNICATION MATERIALS:

Share-able documents and training to help providers and families navigate child care in COVID-19.

CT CARES PROGRAMS:

Recognizing child care for key populations in these special circumstances.



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EXPENSE KICKSTART

- \$8,000,000 CARES Act fund for ECE
- Applications open July through mid-September
- Apply per licensed facility: DCFH, DCGH, DCCC
- Program had to be operating January 2020
- Programs must be open / verified reopening
- Revenue: Program's January 2020 revenue must have been less than 50% publicly funded (Care4Kids, School Readiness, Child Day Care contract, State or Federal Head Start)
- Part day / Part year will be adjusted
- 20% increase for NAFCC / NAEYC Accreditation; 5% for evidence of accreditation in process as of January 2020



EXPENSE KICKSTART: AMOUNTS

Program Size	Expense Kickstart Per Program	20% Accreditation Increase	Total - Expense Kickstart per Program with Accreditation
extra small ≤ 12	\$1,850	\$370	\$2,220
small 13 – 60	\$3,500	\$700	\$4,200
midsize 61-120	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$6,000
large 121 +	\$6,000	\$1,200	\$7,200



SUPPLY SUBSIDY

- \$2,500,000 CARES Act fund
- Applications July through mid-September
- Apply per licensed facility: DCFH, DCGH, DCCC, Licensed Youth Camp
- Program had to be open with children January 2020 (unless camp)
- Programs must be open / verified reopening
- No revenue restrictions
- 20% increase for NAFCC / NAEYC Accreditation; 5% for evidence of accreditation in process as of January 2020



SUPPLY SUBSIDY: AMOUNTS

Program Size	Supply Subsidy Per Program	20% Accreditation Increase	Total - Supply Subsidy per Program with Accreditation
extra small </= 12	\$550	\$110	\$660
small 13 – 60	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200
midsize 61-120	\$1,300	\$260	\$1,560
large 121 +	\$1,900	\$380	\$2,280



HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE SUBSIDIES?

OEC will announce details to:

- Register as a vendor now through CTCARES, and then
 - You must first be registered as a state vendor before OEC can send fund.
- Apply for Expense Kickstart and/or Supply Subsidy – Portal open week of July 6.
 - We'll tell you what you need to have on hand to apply
 - We'll preload your licensed capacity, NAFCC/NAEYC Accreditation



WHERE DO I FIND OTHER CARE PACKAGE SUPPORTS?

- For Communications and information about the CTCARES suite of supports:
<https://www.ctoec.org/covid-19>
- Announcements coming about WBDC, Background Check, FA/CPR/MedAdmin
- Access Scholarship and Online Training now via your OEC Registry account
www.ccacregistry.org



Connecticut Office of Early Childhood Professional Registry

Return Home Login Now

Return Home
Welcome Letter
General Information
Policies And Appeals
Scholarship
Head Teacher Certificate
ECTC Information
Program Administration

Welcome to Connecticut's Early Childhood Professional Registry

Updates

- Submitting Documents (Guidance January 2020) +
- Scholarship May 2020** +
- Find a 3 credit course to meet the OEC licensing director requirement +
- OEC Approved Training - Locate an OEC Approved Trainer +
- Free Online Training (Guidance January 2020)** +
- Care4Kids Health and Safety Compliance (Guidance January 2020) +

Already a member?
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Create New Account

Instructions - English

- [General Instructions](#)
- [Program Administrators](#)
- [Family Home Provider](#)

Thank you for all you do for Connecticut's children!

Remember to explore ALL of the Care Package!



QUESTIONS?