

WAGE SUPPORTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS ENTERS PHASE 2

Child Care Centers

Governor Lamont and the CT State legislature have given funding to the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to give one-time wage supplements to early childhood educators through **Wage Supports for Early Childhood Educators**. The OEC understands and appreciates how hard early childhood educators are working for our children, and they deserve to be applauded and rewarded for their dedication. There are two phases within this initiative. We are in Phase 2.

ELIGIBILITY:

All licensed programs, as well as license-exempt programs that receive School Readiness funds, are eligible. Eligible staff must:

- be employed at the time of application;
- be regularly scheduled to provide direct service to children (this includes cleaning/cooking staff and admin/receptionists on the program payroll, but shall not include volunteers, substitutes, etc.); and
- be supervisors of those who provide direct service to children, provided they work with teachers or parents regularly, and their salary does not exceed more than \$100,000 per year.

APPLICATION & PAYMENT:

OEC will give these funds directly to programs for each eligible staff member via an application process. Look for an email from childcarefunding@ctunitedway.org with your custom application and follow the application steps. Once funds are received, programs will give funding to each staff member:

- **\$1,700** for full-time (minimum of 30 hours per week or 130 hours per month)
- **\$650** for part-time (defined as less than 30 hours per week or 130 hours per month)
- Additional **18%** on top of staff payments for administrative processing costs

Potential bonuses available for programs and individuals based on additional criteria.

Thank you and your staff for your continued effort in educating and caring for Connecticut's youngest children.



Learn more at
www.ctoec.org/wage-supports-for-early-childhood-educators/

If you have any questions about this process, please contact 211 Child Care at **1-800-505-1000** or email childcarefunding@ctunitedway.org and include your license number for faster assistance.

