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**Kentucky Update on Federal CARES Act Funding
for Child Care Providers
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Kentucky will be awarded \$67,741,412 to support state child care programs as part of the federal CARES Act to provide financial relief to businesses affected by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Due to extended provider closures, the primary concern of the Kentucky Division of Child Care (DCC) during the pandemic is preserving the child care capacity throughout the state, so these funds will be directed to providers with the intent that their centers can sustain the closures and reopen as part of Gov. Andy Beshear's phased reopening of Kentucky's economy through his "Healthy At Work" proposal.

Sustainment Stipends for Providers

- A sustainment stipend for all childcare programs (based on capacity) of \$225 per child
- This funding will be used towards employee salaries, facility costs, utilities, insurance premiums, and other fixed expenses

Bonuses for Staff

- "Hero Bonus" for all child care providers working in Limited Duration (Emergency) Child Care

Total Tuition Payment for CCAP Families

- DCC will pay the total cost of childcare for children in the Child Care Assistance Subsidy Program who are enrolled in a Limited Duration Childcare program throughout the shutdown

The Division of Child Care will begin to disperse these funds as soon as all childcare providers sign an agreement to comply with the designated uses of the funds in alignment with the federal CARES act.

For the most current information about Kentucky's response to the coronavirus, please visit www.kycovidky.ky.gov.