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Richard Corcoran  
Commissioner of Education

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Early Learning Coalition Executive Directors, Early Learning Coalition Finance Directors and Redlands Christian Migrant Association Executive Director

**FROM:** Shan Goff, Executive Director 

**SUBJECT:** **COVID-19 Grants to Early Learning/Child Care Providers: Phase I and Phase II – 2020-16**

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The Office of Early Learning is pleased to announce continued support for Florida’s early learning/child care providers. Consistent with one of the key tenants of the CARES Act Supplemental Funds for “Continued payments and assistance to child care providers in the case of decreased enrollment or closes, and to assure the providers are able to remain open or to reopen,” attached is Program Guidance for Phase I: Emergency Child Care Relief Grants and Phase II: High-Quality Reopening Support Grants and the allocation of \$71,952,835 of the Child Care Development Fund/CARES Act funds.

**Phase 1: Emergency Child Care Relief Grants for Providers**

These funds are allocated to coalitions to support the 4,189 School Readiness (SR) and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education providers and the 2,291 non-contracted providers that were open for business on April 30, 2020. The base grant funding is based upon the provider’s total capacity as reported to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or the Enhanced Field System (EFS) Mod capacity data. Contracted SR providers also receive an additional bonus for serving infants and toddlers or children with special needs. The allocations for Phase I are found in Attachment 5 totaling \$49,229,725 to support these Florida’s child care providers.

**Phase 2: High-Quality Reopening Support Grants for Providers**

These funds are allocated to coalitions to support the 2,246 SR and VPK providers and non-contracted providers that were closed on April 30, 2020. High-quality SR providers are those that earned a program assessment/CLASS score of 3.5 or higher within the last 12 months. The 36 non-contracted high-quality providers are those that earned the Gold Seal status. The allocations for Phase II are also found in Attachment 5 totaling \$19,114,493 to support the reopening of these Florida’s high-quality child care providers.

The revised COVID-19 Guidance 204.21 CARES Funding and Attachments 3: Early Learning/Child Care Eligibility Form for SR/VPK Providers and 4: Early Learning/Child Care Eligibility Form for Non-Contracted Providers are attached and have been uploaded to the COVID-19 Support folder in the Coalition Zone on SharePoint –

<https://oelsp.floridaearlylearning.com/sites/coalitionszone/COVID19Support1/CARES%20Grants>

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Attachments: COVID-19 Crisis Emergency Funding Assistance for Early Learning/Child Care Providers  
Attachment 3 – COVID-19 Grant Application: SR/VPK Provider  
Attachment 4 – COVID-19 Grant Application: Non-Contracted Provider  
Attachment 5 – CARES Act: Phase I and Phase II Supports to Contracted and Non-Contracted Providers

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