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To our hard working child care owners and staff:

First of all, a big **thank you** to all of you who answered our survey. It has really helped us understand what is happening on the front lines! The Child Care and Development Program (CCDP) wants you to know your voice is being heard.

What We've Learned

Child care providers have said they need right now:

- Cash to make up for lost enrollments, to pay staff who are working, to support staff who aren't working, and to cover unexpected costs;
- Supplies (e.g. cleaning, safety, child care, and general supplies);
- Food (e.g. milk, bread, and healthy snacks); and
- Support to stay in business.

What We Know About Financial Support So Far

- **Apply for Emergency Stipends (These are state dollars, so they are available now)**
 - The stipends will let child care businesses address their most immediate needs. Apply here: <https://www.childrencabinet.org/child-care-resources/for-providers/scholarship-grant-opportunities/>

These emergency stipends are only for your short term COVID19 needs. They won't address your major concerns about keeping your doors open or reopening your businesses once this situation is over. The President has signed the CARES Act. We're still getting details. We do know there is help for child care providers. The **Small Business Administration has loans and grants** for small businesses to weather this storm:

- Small businesses can apply for the **Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)**. Businesses can take out a low-interest EIDL loan to cover operating expenses. Businesses have to start paying back the loans after one year. A \$10,000 advance on the loan can be applied for and **this advance doesn't have to be paid back**; it converts into a grant.
- There is also the **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)** loan. The whole loan could be forgiven as long as the loan requirements are met and the staff stay employed for an 8-week period. Funds can be used for payroll, rent, or mortgage payments.
- SBA loan info is here: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options> You can also contact the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 or by email: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov The SBA is strongly encouraging all small businesses to apply.
- **\$3.5 billion for the Child Care and Development Block Grant.** These added funds are to help child care providers from going out of business. They can also be used to support child care for families. We do not yet know how much Nevada will get.

We hope this is helpful and want to thank you again for all you do for Nevada's families!

Sincerely,

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