



GOLD IN EARLY EDUCATION

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Placer County Childcare Provider Cleaning and Supplies Funding Support



The Placer County Office of Education, Resource and Referral recently received funding from the California Department of Education Early Learning and Care Division to allocate funds to support open or soon-to-be open providers operating childcare or early learning and care programs for children of essential workers, at-risk populations, and children with disabilities or special health care needs where the child’s individualized education plan (IEP) or individualized family service plan (IFSP) includes early learning and care services. Funding is for cleaning, personal protective equipment, and other supplies to support emergency care during the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Eligible Providers

In order to receive funding, providers must be currently open or intend to reopen during the COVID-19 emergency. Providers may be either licensed providers, license-exempt center, or home-based providers and are not required to serve children receiving subsidies. Providers that are currently closed and do not intend to reopen during the period of the COVID-19 emergency to serve children of essential workers, at-risk populations, and children with disabilities are not eligible to receive these dollars.

Funding Awards

Funding is made available on a first-come, first-serve basis, and allocated based on the capacity of the childcare provider and a per-child funding amount of \$65.89. For licensed providers, capacity shall be the licensed capacity. For license-exempt providers, capacity shall be the total number of children served by the provider at any single time.

How to Apply for Funding

In order to apply for funding the childcare provider applicant must complete the Self-Certification form and return it with an electronic signature to the Resource and Referral department. **Important! If you are a licensed provider please enter your “licensed capacity” in the Self-Certification form section where it asks for the “Number of Children Served in the Facility”.** Along with the Self-Certification form, the provider must include a signed W-9 and Debarment form. These forms are accepted electronically, including scanned and sent by email, a picture of completed forms that can be emailed, or faxed. **Please email documents to childcare@placercoe.org or fax to: 888.293.1613.**

Application Due Date

In order to be considered for funding, Self-Certification form, W-9 and Debarment forms must be received no later than Friday December 1, 2020.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the Childcare Provider Cleaning and Supply funding, please email Darcy Roenspie, Program Administrator at droenspie@placercoe.org.

Documents are available on the PCOE website at: www.placercoe.org

Considerations for Cleaning Facilities

In addition, the CDE offers the following considerations for cleaning ELC classrooms:

- Consider removing materials from the classroom that are difficult to clean (e.g., soft toys).
- Follow regular cleaning protocols and use a disinfectant recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as being effective against coronavirus. A list of such disinfectants can be found on the EPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus>.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, including but not limited to:
 - Door handles, crash bars, and doorknobs
 - Entry windows
 - Office counters and surfaces
 - Handrails
 - Sinks and drinking fountains
 - Dispensers
 - Desks and tables
 - Restrooms
 - Anything else that is handled frequently by multiple children and staff.
- Clean and sanitize all toys at the end of the day.
- Clean any machine-washable items safely at the warmest setting possible.
- Keep a designated bin for separating toys that have been in children's mouths. When a child is done with a mouthed toy, place it in a bin that is inaccessible to other children and wash hands. Clean and sanitize toys prior to returning them to the children's play area.
- Increase the ELC program's cleaning and disinfection routine to multiple times per day, including measures to ensure children do not come in contact with cleaning supplies.

The California Department of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational Safety and Health released the Safety & Health Guidance: COVID-19 Infection Prevention in Childcare Programs, which offers additional guidance and can be found at <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Infection-Prevention-in-Childcare-Programs-Guidance.pdf>.

The California Childcare Health Program offers a Health and Safety Manual, which is located at <https://cchp.ucsf.edu/content/cchp-health-and-safety-checklist-users-manual> and Checklist, which is located at <https://cchp.ucsf.edu/content/cchp-health-and-safety-checklist-users-manual>. These are associated with the Caring for Our Children national health and safety performance standards and guidelines for early care and education programs located at <https://nrckids.org/CFOC>, which includes guidance on Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting at <https://nrckids.org/CFOC/Database/3.3.0.1> and Prevention of [Exposure to Body Fluids](#) located at <https://nrckids.org/CFOC/Database/3.2.3.4>.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) offers a page of guidance for the following: [For](#) Child Care Programs That Remain Open located at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html#clean> and [Interim Guidance for Administrators of US](#) K-12 Schools and Child Care Programs located at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html>.

CDC also has a guide on How to Clean and Disinfect Schools with information relevant to early learning and care providers which can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/cleaning_disinfecting_schools.pdf.

If you have any questions about these funds, please refer to ELCDEmergency@cde.ca.gov.