



Summer 2020

Greetings from All of Us at Child Care Resource Network!



We hope this finds everyone in our early learning community well and healthy and taking time to enjoy the summer, to relax and replenish in this challenging time.

At Child Care Resource Network we are continuing to work remotely, doing our utmost to maintain all our services to the greatest extent possible. We check emails and voice mails frequently. Please reach out with any questions, concerns, or requests for assistance.

At CCRN, our priority is to support you with the most current and accurate information and to offer any assistance we can to help your business survive and thrive in this difficult time. We are sending out weekly updates to keep you informed on COVID-19 guidance from the Early Learning Division, resources, training opportunities, or any other information that may be helpful.

We look forward to the day when we can be together and see each other face to face. Since that is not possible for now, all CCRN trainings are being held online throughout the summer. Take a look at the training calendar for some great online options offered locally, across the state and nationally.

All of us at CCRN miss connecting with you in person!

Cande, Devon, Jill, Katrina, Lorena, Martha, Mary, Molly



To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow ~ Audrey Hepburn

Please post newsletter and training calendar!

Child Care Resource Network wants to reach **EVERYONE** in our early childhood community!

To receive the newsletter, training calendar, and helpful articles by email contact CCRN at CCRN@soesd.k12.or.us or call (541) 776-8590 x 1126 to be added to our distribution list.

Be sure to add CCRN's email to your contacts!

We want to stay in touch!

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Spark Update

Not participating in Spark yet? This might be the perfect time!

Although CCRN staff are continuing to work remotely and all trainings are being held online, CCRN is still ready and able to assist and support providers. Our message to programs that are not participating in Spark, or that started and got sidetracked, is that now is the time to reach out and re-engage. We are here to help, and this might be the perfect moment to finish your portfolio or pick up where you left off. For more information about Spark and about Focused Child Care Networks, contact Devon Finley by email or phone at CCRN@soesd.k12.or.us or 541-944-5207.

Spark participation has many benefits, including support and incentive funds, and for programs serving DHS families, higher reimbursements for programs and lower co-pay for families - a win-win!

Conversations with the Early Learning Division



Oregon child care providers are invited to connect with the ELD in a series of virtual conversations. In July these conversations will focus on gathering feedback on the Emergency Child Care guidance being developed for fall, with the final guidance to be released by August 14, 2020.

Separate meetings for providers are based on type of care and there is also a meeting held in Spanish on Saturdays. These meetings are a chance to ask questions (via chat), get information, give suggestions, and share concerns with those in charge at ELD and Office of Child Care.

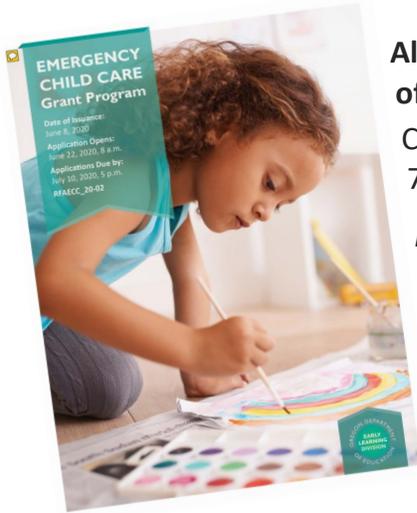
Details and meeting links will be coming soon from ELD and will be included in CCRN's weekly updates.

- July 7-11, 2020:* Small group input sessions
- July 28-August 1, 2020:* Review guidance proposal
- Tuesday:* Registered Family
- Wednesday:* Certified Family
- Thursday:* Certified Centers
- Saturday:* Spanish Language (All Types)



To receive the latest news from ELD register for updates at <https://oregonearlylearning.com/>, and also visit the ELD's COVID-19 webpage where Frequently Asked Questions about emergency child care are updated regularly, <https://oregonearlylearning.com/COVID-19-Resources>.

Emergency Child Care Grant Phase 2 - Apply NOW



All providers who plan to be open by September 1, 2020, should take advantage of ELD Phase 2 Grant funds. The grant application period closes July 10th.

Contact CCRN with questions or for assistance, ccrn@soesd.k12.or.us / 541-301-7760, English / 541-810-3424, Spanish

Note: Providers approved for Phase 1 grant funds are not eligible to receive a Phase 2 grant for the same location.

To be eligible for Phase 2 Grant, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Certified Center, Certified Family, and Registered Family Licensed Providers:

◆ Must have **applied to be an Emergency Child Care (ECC) Facility** by **June 30, 2020**. Any program that has **not applied** to be an Emergency

Child Care (ECC) Facility but plans to be **open in September** should apply to be an **ECC Provider NOW** to be **eligible for Phase 2 Grant funds**.

* ECC applications can be found at <https://oregonearlylearning.com/COVID-19-Resources/Emergency-Child-Care> or contact CCRN for assistance, ccrn@soesd.k12.or.us / 541-301-7760 / 541-810-3424, Spanish

- ◆ Commit to adhering to health and safety guidelines
- ◆ If currently open, agree to remain open and serve children through the end of September 2020
- ◆ If currently closed, agree to reopen by September 1, 2020 and remain open and serve children through the end of September 2020

For License Exempt Providers:

- ◆ Is a Family, Friend & Neighbor provider (Regulated Subsidy or Relative Care) receiving child care payments through the Department of Human Services
- ◆ Is currently open and caring for a child of an essential worker
- ◆ Agrees to remain open and serve children through the end of September 2020

◆ **Estimated Grant Award Amounts:**

Regulated Subsidy and ERDC Relative Care	\$702
Registered Family	\$2246
Certified Family	\$4212
Certified Center	\$4680 per classroom (limited to three)

◆ Phase 2 Grant applications and information on the DUNS number and the online application process can be found at: <https://oregonearlylearning.com/COVID-19-Resources/Grants> - contact CCRN for assistance, ccrn@soesd.k12.or.us / 541-301-7760 / 541-810-3424, Spanish

◆ Click the link below to watch an ELD webinar with information on applying for the grant:

- * [Request for Applications \(RFA\) Phase 2 Overview Webinar \(English\) – Recorded June 19, 2020](#)
- * [Request for Application \(RFA\) Phase 2 Overview Webinar \(Spanish\) – Recorded June 20, 2020](#)

Resources

Video “Just Breathe” Helps Kids Deal With Their Emotions

In the 4-minute long video, boys and girls describe how their emotions affect them. Rather than just sharing the children’s feelings, the film shows how breathing and mindfulness can help keep kids emotionally healthy. One girl reports that after breathing to calm down, “all the sparkles are at the bottom of your brain.”

Watch it here, [Short film-Just Breathe](#)



Center for **healthy**minds **The Kindness Curriculum** UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Sign up for a free copy, in English or Spanish, of The Kindness Curriculum, a mindfulness approach for preschoolers to help them pay closer attention to their emotions and strengthen social competence.

<https://centerhealthyminds.org/join-the-movement/sign-up-to-receive-the-kindness-curriculum>

The Art of Shaving Cream

Most early childhood programs love sensory and art experiences with shaving cream! Check out these suggestions from the Portland Children’s Museum for how to use this favorite material in ways you may not have tried before. Find directions for [Painting with Shaving Cream](#) and take a look at more foamy ideas with [10 Shaving Cream Activities](#).



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