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\$230 million in grants issued to Ohio child care providers *\$705 million remains as phase three begins*

COLUMBUS, OHIO –Governor Mike DeWine announced today that the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has launched the third phase of child care providers grants. The program has already distributed \$230 million in grants to strengthen Ohio’s child care industry. A combination of new funding and yet-to-be granted funding means approximately \$705 million dollars remains available for providers. In addition to larger grants, this round includes incentives for home-based providers who operate during non-traditional hours.

“Access to quality child care remains a top priority for Ohio families and parents seeking to enter the workforce,” said Governor DeWine. “Including this new round of grants, we’re making more than \$935 million available to help providers with operational costs, workforce recruitment, expanding access to care, and supporting the mental health of children and staff.”

The program, originally announced in December 2021, is administered by ODJFS and is available to licensed child care providers including centers and family child care (home-based) providers. In-home aids and approved day camps, as well as Ohio Department of Education licensed preschool and school-age programs that are approved to provide publicly funded child care who are also eligible. Awardees need not be providing publicly funded child care to be eligible, and recipients from previous rounds are eligible for round three funding.

The grants, paid with federal funding from the American Rescue Plan and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Acts, cover four categories: Operating/New Pandemic Costs, Workforce Recruitment/Retention, Access Development, and Mental Health Workforce and Family Support.

Funding formulas have been revised based on feedback from the child care field. Changes include scaling funding based on the provider’s license capacity. Centers and family child care providers are eligible for up to a base amount (\$50,000 for centers/\$10,000 for home providers), plus \$1,100 times the maximum capacity. For example, a center with a maximum capacity of 150 children would be eligible for up to \$215,000 (\$50,000 + \$1,100*150).

In addition, family child care providers who offer care during non-traditional hours are eligible for twice the per child maximum amount in addition to the standard \$10,000 base. In this case, a type B home



provider is allowed up to 6 children, so one offering non-traditional hours is eligible for up to \$23,200 (\$10,000 + \$2,200*6).

“Finding quality child care can be even more difficult for those who work nights and weekends,” said ODJFS Director Matt Damschroder. “This round of grants includes incentives to those home-based providers who offer care during non-traditional hours.”

Child care centers, in-home aides, approved day camps, eligible pre-school, school-age programs, and family child care programs can apply. The application period closes on November 30, 2022.

Applications can be accessed through the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR). For more information visit the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association’s (OCCRRA) website at www.occrra.org.

Information for centers, day camps, and in-home aides can be found at:

<https://emanuals.jfs.ohio.gov/ChildCare/ChildCareCenter/CCCMPL/CCCMPL-39.stm>

Information for family child care can be found at:

<https://emanuals.jfs.ohio.gov/ChildCare/FamilyChildCare/FCCMPL/FCCMPL-31.stm>

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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance child care, child and adult protective services, adoption, and child support services.





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