



Department of  
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# Child Care News



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## WELCOME BACK!

As we enter the fifth month of this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, many programs are curious about what the future holds. To help child care programs protect staff and families, new transitional rules and procedures have been implemented. You can learn about them and other transitional pandemic child care resources by referencing the ODJFS [toolkit](#).

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is committed to helping Ohio's PFCC providers achieve their professional development goals and reach their potential. Resources are included in this newsletter.

## T.E.A.C.H EARLY CHILDHOOD® OHIO

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® OHIO offers scholarships for early childhood professionals who want to earn a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential or associate's degree in early childhood education or child development. Assistance is available to help cover the cost of tuition, books and related expenses.

### Step Up to Quality Extended

Starting September 1, 2020, PFCC can be provided only by programs with Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) ratings, unless they meet an exemption. Programs with PFCC provider agreements that are not rated should register for SUTQ as soon as possible to avoid a gap in payment and the ability to provide PFCC services.

## POWER OHIO

POWER Ohio offers cash incentives for early childhood professionals who successfully complete higher education courses and degrees and for staying employed with their current early childhood programs. You can earn \$300 or more for each class you pass on your way to earning a CDA credential or an associate's degree and when you graduate.

For more information about the programs above, please visit: [occr.org/our-resources-page](http://occr.org/our-resources-page).

## NEW DOCUMENTS

You can learn about policies, licensing and certification, Step Up To Quality, Publicly Funded Child Care and a host of other topics on our [Programs](#) webpage. Visit our [Compliance Resources](#) webpage for a better understanding of licensing regulations and how to achieve and maintain licensing and certification during this unprecedented time.

## Licensing and Certification

- [In Home Aides](#)
- [Accessibility of Chemicals](#)
- [Systems Guides](#)
- [Family Child Care Parent Handbook Guide and Template](#)

## PFCC

- [Professional Development Days](#)
- [PFCC SUTQ Exemption Scenarios](#)
- [Who Can Get Child Care Payment Assistance?](#)

## SUTQ

- [Early Childhood Program Transition Best Practices](#)



## Ready to start the process to become rated?

Visit [boldbeginning.org](http://boldbeginning.org) for Step Up to Quality resources or contact your child care licensing specialist today!

## FREE RESOURCES TO HELP YOUR PROGRAM BECOME STAR-RATED!

Achieving star ratings is good for the children you care for—and good for your business, too! Check out these FREE resources:

- Free curriculums that allow you to meet 1- and 2-star standards and help you achieve a 3-, 4- and 5-star rating.
- Free trainings in a variety of topics, including health and safety standards and child care best practices. Many provide Ohio Approved Hours. Visit [registry.occrra.org/cart/training\\_list](http://registry.occrra.org/cart/training_list) to learn more.
- Scholarships for child care providers interested in earning associate's degrees or a child development associate credential. Visit [occrra.org/our-resources-page](http://occrra.org/our-resources-page).
- Free technical assistance from state staff, county staff and your local child care resource and referral agency:
  - [jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/providers.stm](http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/providers.stm)
  - [occrra.org/member-agencies](http://occrra.org/member-agencies)

## Need online or in-person training for the Creative Curriculum or Teaching Strategies Gold curriculum?

Visit the Ohio Professional Registry at [registry.occrra.org/cart/training\\_list](http://registry.occrra.org/cart/training_list). Programs with curricula issued through ODJFS also can take advantage of in-person trainings offered by Teaching Strategies: [teachingstrategies.com/solutions/develop](http://teachingstrategies.com/solutions/develop)

## Pandemic Child Care Resources

Transitional Pandemic Child Care Toolkit: [jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/CoronavirusAndChildcare](http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/CoronavirusAndChildcare)

### FROM OUR PARTNERS

Healthy futures: Managing infectious diseases [youtube.com/watch?v=n8311uaZuks&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8311uaZuks&feature=youtu.be)

Infant Toddler Resource Guide – Supporting Videos Into High-Quality Care in Well-Planned Environments: [childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/infant-toddler-resource-guide/supporting-videos](http://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/infant-toddler-resource-guide/supporting-videos)

### TRANSITIONAL PANDEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Centers  
Day Camps

Family Child Care  
In-Home Aides

