Good Afternoon,

Please see below for several updates from ODJFS.

**Grant Opportunities – Pandemic Support Payments**
Please see the attached information about grant opportunities for pandemic support payments for providers. This information will also be available on the eManuals site within the next few days at [http://emanuals.jfs.ohio.gov/ChildCare/](http://emanuals.jfs.ohio.gov/ChildCare/) and on the provider pandemic page at [http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/CoronavirusAndChildcare/](http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/CoronavirusAndChildcare/) as well.

**Step Up To Quality**
The following SUTQ documents have been created to assist SUTQ rated programs during the pandemic.

- Child Care Manual Procedure Letter No. 142 has been created to
  - provide guidance to SUTQ rated child care programs on how to meet instructional time requirements with lower ratios and group sizes
  - update the JFS 01369 “Records Transfer Policy/Request for Two to Five-Star Ratings for Step Up To Quality (SUTQ)” form
- Transitional Pandemic Child Care Step Up To Quality Standards Assessment technical assistance document outlines how specific standards are being assessed during the transitional pandemic period.

**Family Pandemic Page**
The Family Pandemic Page has been updated to include numerous resources for families including

- Early Childhood Education and Learning from Home Resources
- Mental Health and Coping Resources

Please share this updated information with your families.

**Provider Resources**

- The Provider Pandemic Page, [https://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/CoronavirusAndChildcare/](https://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/CoronavirusAndChildcare/) will be updated to include links to revised rules as well as new documents included in this email.
- If you have policy questions please contact the Child Care Policy Help Desk at 1-877-302-2347, option 4.

Thank you for your continued support of Ohio’s families during this time.