

This email was sent to programs on Friday, August 7, 2020

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/> and on the provider pandemic page at <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/> 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.