



Cuyahoga Child Care Licensing E-Newsletter



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We're All In This Together!

Hello Family Child Care Providers!

Wow! What a time it has been since our last newsletter. Our entire licensing team hopes that each and every one of you and your family are staying safe and healthy during these trying times. COVID-19 has taken its toll on absolutely everything and of course this includes our work and yours. We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to those of you operated as a pandemic licensed program during the state stay at home order. While our team was able to continue working during this time, we have shifted to working remotely from home. Regular licensing visits resumed on July 1st. Providers who did not receive a continuous licensing inspection visit in the first quarter of this year will receive a visit soon. All others will receive your second visit by December 2020.

In the midst of everything our State is still scheduled for one of the biggest changes ever - mandated Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) for all child care programs who wish to continue to service publicly funded families. The effective date for this mandate has changed to September 2020. If you are not SUTQ rated and would like more information give us a call at 987-8488 or call Starting Point at 216-575-0061. Be on the look out for The Child Care Examiners E-Newsletter, it will provide you with great information and resources for payments, grants and much more.

Searching for the new rules and forms or job aids for OCLQS or SUTQ -Click this link:
<http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/childcare.stm>

Know Anyone Interested In Becoming A Family Child Care Provider?

Our work continues to focus on Family Child Care in Cuyahoga County. Part of that work includes supporting individuals interested in becoming a Licensed Family Child Care Provider. We are currently working to modify our New Provider Overview Session but in the meantime, we are still here to help. If you know someone interested in becoming a licensed provider, encourage them to give us a call today at 216-987-8488.

Training & Support

We encourage you to seek on-line training through the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Agency (OCCRRRA) at <https://ocrrra.org/>. There are many sessions to choose from and most of them are free! Also check out NAEYC Virtual Training for additional free training sessions.
<https://www.naeyc.org/events/about-virtual-institute>

Staying Connected During COVID-19

As you continue to provide care to children during these challenging times, please know that you are connected. Our team has taken time to convene with many programs and agency's that support child care in Cuyahoga. The result was a useful tool that puts information related to the pandemic at your finger tips. The tool is attached for your convenience.

Remember to Stay Safe, Stay Covered & Stay Distant

Get The Facts About Lead Poisoning

Exposure to lead can cause serious harm to a child such as brain and nervous system damage, slowed growth & development, learning & behavior problems and hearing and speech problems. Cleveland City Council recently passed a law that requires owners of residential rental units that were built before 1978 to obtain a lead safe certification. This requirement will be effective beginning March 1, 2021 and all units must have a certification by March 1, 2023. Click here for more information.

<https://www.leadSAFEcle.org>