



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Dear Early Care and Education Professional,

As always, we want to thank you for being such a valuable community partner. During this COVID-19 pandemic, we want to ensure that you have the most current information and resources. Below are the latest updates:

- Recently, the Virginia Department of Social Services provided a letter to licensed child care programs about the status of Phase I and an [updated guidance document](#). Please note that Governor Northam has decided that Northern Virginia localities, including Fairfax County, were able to delay implementation of Phase One reopening until May 29, 2020.
- The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) are working together to provide temporary food assistance in Virginia to families with children who would have received free or reduced-price meals if schools were open. If families do not currently receive free and reduced-price meals but want to apply, applications must be submitted by **June 11, 2020** to receive the temporary benefits. For more information visit: www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/pebt.cgi and to apply visit www.FCPS.edu/resources/student-safety-and-wellness/food-and-nutrition-programs/free-and-reduced-price-meals

Additionally, here are some grant opportunities that you can take advantage of, if you have not already done so:

- Fairfax County [Nonprofit Sustainability Grant Program for nonprofit social safety net providers](#), **due May 22, 2020**. Grant available for eligible non-profit child care programs. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/procurement/nsgrant.
- [Fairfax RISE grants for small businesses and nonprofits](#), available for eligible centers and family child care providers. Application process will **open in early June**. In addition, [the Women's Business Center](#) will provide support to family child care providers, which will include reaching out to the providers with the grant information when the application opens and providing technical assistance with the application process. Visit here for additional information and to submit an informational form: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/economic-success/fairfaxrise.
- CARES Grant made available by the Virginia Department of Social Services will provide financial assistance for programs that are open or plan on opening. For more information and to apply, [click here](#). (Please note: if you are a Fairfax County permitted family child care provider and have questions about the grant or need an application, please email NCSCEPS@fairfaxcounty.gov or call (703) 324 – 8100.)

You can find additional resources at the Office for Children COVID-19 Updates page at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/office-for-children/ofc-covid-19-updates.

Thank you for all you do for Fairfax County's children and families. Please keep well.

Best Regards,

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