



## CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF SUFFOLK, INC.

Dear Child Care Providers,

Thank you. Thank you for continuing to care for our children throughout a pandemic, even when you did not have all of the information you needed. Thank you for your patience and understanding with the difficult and tedious CARES program that has yet to provide you with much needed financial support. The Child Care Council of Suffolk is grateful for your ongoing work and we applaud your dedication to keeping our children safe and well-cared for.



All of us at the Council will continue to work hard to provide support, technical assistance and training. I will personally continue to advocate on your behalf to get the CARES funding out, and to ensure that any future federal relief for child care is actually helpful to families and providers. I hope someday soon we can all celebrate in person and we can thank you for all you are doing. For now, please stay safe and stay strong.

With much thanks,  
Jen

## CARES Updates and Information

### CARES 2/NY Forward Grants

#### Updated Timeframes

- **One-Time Reopening Grants/ Deliverable 4** - Expenditures may occur between April 13, 2020 to **December 31, 2020**
- **Temporary Operating Grants/Deliverable 5** - Expenditures may occur between **June 15, 2020 to October 31, 2020** in accordance with the grant period selected; July-September or August-October
- Provider budget modifications are permitted until **12/15/2020**
- Provider receipts may be submitted to the CCR&R up to **12/31/2020**

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For assistance with the CARES

[Click here](#) for the most recent

2/NYForward Grant reimbursement process, we are holding **technical assistance** zoom calls.

**Monday Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. [Register Here](#)**

**Wednesday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. [Register Here](#)**

***More will be scheduled if needed.***

***[Click here for the powerpoint from the TA Sessions.](#)***

list of **allowable items** and disallowed items from OCFS.

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### **CARES 2 Payments**

Once we approve submissions they are sent to OCFS for another review and payment.

As of today, 11/15/2020, we have not received any payments for CARES 2 grants from OCFS.

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## **CARES 3/Essential Worker Scholarship**

The Essential Worker Scholarship is available to families with at least one essential worker, who earn up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level.

Parents must apply and submit proper documentation before being approved.

[Parent Application in English](#)  
[Parent Application in Spanish](#)

### **Documents for Providers.**

[Click here](#) for instructions on how to submit for payment for children attending your program who have been approved for the scholarship.

[Click here](#) for claim form.

[Click here](#) for Frequent Asked Questions.

Please note that due to the volume of applications being submitted it will take 5-7 business days to process a parent's application. Once approved, the scholarship will pay for care provided as of the date the parent submitted the application.

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**Help make the case that Child Care is Essential!!  
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