



**CHILD CARE COUNCIL
OF SUFFOLK, INC.**

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ALERT**

We have been notified that child care providers are being contacted by a group saying they are a third party entity working with the CCR&R/Child Care Council on the CARES grants.

Please note that we are NOT working with any other entities for CARES 2 grants or the Scholarships. DO NOT SHARE INFORMATION WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN THE CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF SUFFOLK OR OCFS REGARDING CARES 2 OR ESSENTIAL WORKER SCHOLARSHIPS.

This "third party entity" will have your program name, address and license number and then ask for details such as social security number and bank information, so they may seem legitimate. Remember that your program information and license number are public information listed on the OCFS website.

We have been informed they are contacting providers who did not receive a grant award in addition to those that did receive an award, so please share with your colleagues.

Please keep the following in mind:

- The Child Care Council of Suffolk will not ask for your social security number over the phone.
- We will not ask for banking information over the phone.
- The Child Care Council of Suffolk is not working with any other organization to process CARES 2 grants or the Essential Worker Scholarship.
- **If you have ANY doubt about a request, please email SuffolkCares2@outlook.com to confirm.**
- **Other email addresses that are officially about CARES from the Council are:**
 - SuffolkCares2@outlook.com (CARES 2 grants)
 - SuffolkCares2020@gmail.com (CARES 3 essential worker scholarship for parents)
 - SuffolkCares3@gmail.com (CARES 3 essential worker scholarship for

providers)