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Dear Child Care and Education Providers of Monterey County,

We are eager to provide you with **updated information** on a couple of key resources for child care and education providers.

Cleaning & Supplies

There are several ways to get free facility cleaning and personal protection supplies.

1. Funds are available for licensed and exempt providers in all settings (center or home-based). Please note that programs affiliated with school districts are not eligible for these funds. Expenses include:
 - Cleansers and Sanitizers
 - Masks, gloves, and other PPE
 - Labor Costs associated with additional cleaning
 - Supplies including instructional materials to implement social distancing and other health associated costs responding to state and local COVID-19 guidance

To apply for funds, complete the [attached form](#) as soon as possible, and email it to RRMC@maof.org. A specialist will follow up to confirm your application and details for receiving funds, as available. **Extended Deadline: September 30, 2020.**

2. First 5 California, the Monterey County Office of Education, MAOF and other agencies are also donating supplies. **All types** of operational child care and education settings are **eligible**. The distribution will be phased through May and June. We will reach out directly to you with details on which phase you will be assigned to as soon as we have them.

California Budget

The Governor released the [May Revise](#) for the California Budget last week. The news is not optimistic. **We invite you to attend the Monterey County Child Care Planning Council meetings to stay informed during the COVID-19 response and recovery efforts. The next virtual meeting is Wednesday, May 27, 1:30-3:30pm.** Please contact Laurie Ramirez for more information and log-in information at laramirez@montereycoe.org

Subsidized Child Care for Essential Workers-Funds Still Available

Children of **Essential Workers who cannot work remotely** have [priority for care](#) through **June 30, 2020** or further notice. Vouchers for all types of emergency child care are available through the MAOF Alternative Payment Program. As a provider of care and education, you must be registered with MAOF to accept vouchers - please call (831) 757-0775. Families can request child care through MontereyChildCare.org or by calling (831) 757-0775.

To learn more about the Monterey County Child Care & Wellbeing COVID-19 Response & Recovery effort, please visit BrightBeginningsMC.org.

We hope you are safe and healthy, and thank you for your dedication to children and families in Monterey County. You are essential to the well being of young children and our community.

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