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Dear Child Care Providers,

In March, the federal CARES Act was passed in response to the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 situation. The bill includes additional funding to the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) with the goal of helping the child care industry survive so that the economy can fully recover.

In Nevada, one of the biggest issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic that we've seen so far, is that families that normally need child care are keeping their children at home. As a result, providers are struggling to maintain their businesses, and there is a valid concern that some child care businesses might close their doors permanently.

The Nevada Child Care and Development Program (CCDP) is planning to use CARES Act funds to try to relieve child care businesses from some of the economic impact of COVID-19 by awarding grants for up to three months of operating costs. If you aren't currently using all of your payroll funds because staff are staying home, you can still apply for a grant that includes that expense, as long as you outline how you will use the payroll for other operating costs in your grant application. There is not enough funding to award three months of operating costs to all licensed and emergency providers in Nevada, so the grants will be competitive. Along with the application, providers must submit their business and sustainability plan, along with a marketing plan. There will be a series of non-mandatory calls with business trainers and technical assistance intended specifically to help providers with developing those plans.

There will be three calls:

1. Budgets and Projections Planning
2. Financial Reports and Internal Controls
3. Marketing for Child Care Programs

All three calls will happen between May 4th and May 17th. Each of the three calls will be conducted five times during the 2 weeks to give providers a choice for best day/time for them. **In order to best understand your needs and availability, please fill out this [survey](#) by 04/24/2020.**

Thank you for everything you do for Nevada's families!

Sincerely,

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