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Child Care Providers,

We wanted to give you an update with further information we have regarding COVID-19. We hope you are doing well and able to stay healthy. We know some have made the decision to temporarily close your child care program. We are still sending you support and will be ready to resume licensing when you are able to return. Others are continuing to provide care and we thank you. We also understand the financial implications of having to close or having families leave your program due to being out of work themselves. We are hoping to return back to life as quickly as possible.

Because of the large amount of information to give and how overwhelming the emails can get, we are gathering all information we are sharing in one place. Not only does the Washington County website have a page dedicated to COVID-19, so does Child Care Licensing. You can find this new page at: www.co.washington.mn.us/coronavirusupdates-childcareproviders. We will also keep past emails on that page, but keep in mind with the ever changing information, the most recent email on a particular topic is the most valid.

We wanted to alert you to a new training opportunity. Bobbie Bigwood, one of our Parent Educators, is doing a FREE online professional development course that is worth 8 clock hours on **Behavior Strategies: Keeping Brain Development in Mind**. Sessions begin next Thursday. A 45 minute chat occurs from 8:15-9:00 p.m. and an additional 1 hour, 15 minutes per week is for posting in the chat and watching videos. This course is on Develop as well. Here is a link to the registration:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nu5Qe-nSQH-XdX2MIHsDIxvbL2Bqr0JWrPu14_kTtQM/edit

Lastly, we wanted to give you some updates regarding licensing and Washington County. Currently Washington County has limited interactions between social workers and the community to observe social distancing directives and to decrease infection likelihood with you and your families. **The Government Center and service centers are closed to the public until at least Tuesday, March 24, 2020.** For those of you who have licenses needing to be renewed, we are working with DHS on how we will handle these. We assure you, your license will not be closed due to your licensor not being able to come to your home for a visit. We will work together, with DHS and with you to

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14949 62nd St N P.O. Box 30
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make this difficult time as smooth as possible. Although licensors are working remotely at times to observe social distancing, we are still working. If you need anything or have questions, don't hesitate to ask.

As soon as we receive any further information from DHS, we will pass it along.

Thank you and stay well,

Washington County Licensing

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