COVID-19 Response Efforts

Children’s Council responded to the universal child care crisis with swift support for our community, using new and creative ways to connect with families and early educators virtually. **We are meeting urgent community needs for all families, early educators and the children in their care.**

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Families and child care business owners are experiencing disruptions that affect their financial, social and emotional well-being. [Family disruption impacts children under 5 years old](#) the most.

Leveraging our core competencies and our expansive early education network, Children’s Council is continuing to support families and early educators in the following ways:
• **Emergency Child Care** referral/match and payment services for essential workers and families with vulnerable children, in partnership with San Francisco Office of Early Care and Education, First 5 San Francisco and the California State Department of Education.

• Timely, expert advice and resources for the child care industry and for families through our [Children’s Council Online Help Center](#), 1:1 coaching and [virtual health and safety trainings](#), and other rapidly evolving resources

• **Assistance for early educators** who want to care for children during COVID-19, as well as coordination of the substitute pool of child care providers.

• Trauma-informed [virtual workshops](#) (Playgroups, Parent Café, New & Expecting Moms Group) to help families navigate stress, child engagement and family dynamics during this challenging time

• Business interruption mini grants for [Family Child Care Business Incubator](#) graduates who have opened in the last year
Children's Council’s services and programs are a lifeline for families and early educators under stress. Our goal is that our child care infrastructure will be in place now for essential workers, and still intact when we all need to get back to work. **But we can’t do it alone - we need your help to make a difference.**

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**NOTE:** Charitable Contributions tax law changes as a result of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act:

- The Act allows an above-the-line charitable contribution deduction of up to $300 for taxpayers who do not itemize deductions on their 2020 tax returns.
- For individuals who do itemize, cash contributions to public charities may be fully deducted (up to 100% of adjusted gross income) without regard to the usual percentage limitation. Contributions in excess of the taxpayer’s adjusted gross income may be carried forward for five years.
- The limitation for deductions of food inventory is increased from 15% to 25% for 2020.