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## OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD



Connecticut Office of  
Early Childhood

Beth Bye  
*Commissioner*

DATE: March 26, 2020

TO: Providers of Services to Young Children

FROM: Beth Bye, Commissioner

RE: Coronavirus Memo 13  
State Program Stabilization Funding  
Continuation of the Office of Early Childhood ECE Services Funding for FY 20

The Office of Early Childhood is providing fiscal assurances to providers of state funded early care and education services to ensure stability of programs during this very challenging COVID-19 situation, and to assure a supply of care after the Public Health Emergency.

**To that end, OEC commits to paying the following publicly funded providers at the same level of funding as received in March 2020, through the end of the current state fiscal year, June 30, 2020:**

- **Care4Kids**
- **Child Day Care**
- **School Readiness**
- **Smart Start**

**Even Start and Head Start Supplement programs** will continue to follow their normal funding and payment processes.

Each funded program will provide information/reporting to the OEC per the instructions of the OEC Program Manager in support of data collection regarding services delivered. This data will not effect payments to programs. There will be no reconciliation of payments to child attendance during the period March 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020.

Governor Lamont recognizes the critical role that child care plays for Connecticut's families and for Connecticut's workforce infrastructure. These funds will help to sustain our early care industry.