



## Please Support Your Family Child Care Provider During This Pandemic

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With the announcement by Governor Laura Kelly that school facilities will stay closed for the remainder of the year, many Family Child Care providers are currently adjusting their programs to accommodate school aged children and finding ways to skillfully navigate the hurdles of running a business amid recommendations that change from day to day. They love your children, so show them some love and support during these challenging times. Here are some ways you can help:

- **Tuition:** Your child care provider truly understands your fears of losing income, because s/he is facing the same fear. Please continue to pay your tuition if you are able, even if you choose to keep your child at home with you. Family child care providers still have to pay for expenses like curriculum, supplies, insurance, and other operating expenses. Some of them have an employee that they're afraid they can't pay. Please continue to make your tuition payments so that your children have a safe, loving place to go when the pandemic subsides.
- **Supplies:** Your child care provider may be worried about where to purchase cleaner, paper towels, soap, and other items in high demand. If you see an item that they may need, they would gratefully accept your donation!
- **Time:** Your provider is spending a lot more of their time cleaning and sanitizing in addition to the normal 50 or 60 hours a week that they work. Please make it your highest priority to pick up on time or even earlier to allow them time to disinfect and prepare for another day of caring for your children.
- **Policies:** Your child care provider has spent hours talking with other providers and worrying about how to create a set of policies that are fair to everyone involved. You can help by following their rules on exclusion, keeping your child away if someone near you has a fever, and creating a family action plan for backup care if your provider does fall ill.
- **Kindness:** This is a scary time for everyone in the world, and your child care provider is doing the very best that s/he can. Your child is lucky to have a safe place to learn and grow and be loved. Your child care provider deserves your patience and understanding as we all learn how to navigate these difficult circumstances. Please **thank your provider** and let them know that you will stick with them through these hard times.

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