

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROGRAM UPDATES

Melinda Sokolowski, CAPSLO Family Support Services

- CAPSLO Head Starts remain closed; funded even though they will be closed through April 1st.
- CDE funded until June
- Migrant Seasonal Head Start will be reopening some sites
- FCC still able to serve
- Family Advocates are on-call and supporting for basic needs
- Family Resource Centers are open; SLCUSD Nurses receiving and fielding calls
- San Luis Coastal Unified School District raised \$25,000 to support families affected
- CAPSLO- Family Support Services are distributing food bags; 100-200 bags per day
- Parent Education still up and running with public health and probation; offering many services through teleconferencing.
- Help Me Grow is fully staffed; (Coordinator and Specialist)
- Will launch Help Me Grow during this time
- Child Abuse reports are up to 20-25 a day; used to be 6-8
- Emergency Child Care site at Santa Rosa (formerly Children's Waiting Room) expecting 5 children
- Other counties utilizing food kitchens

Mika Buchanan, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- Family fees (share of cost) for subsidized child care families will be waived for the months of April, May and June.
- Child care providers, serving subsidized child care children, that have closed due to COVID-19 will still be paid for 30 days from the date of their closure.
- If a subsidized child care family is an essential employee and their usual child care provider is closed due to COVID-19 they may use an alternate child care provider up to the end of the usual providers 30 closure. Both closed and alternate providers will be paid during this 30 day time.
- Child care providers that remain open for essential employees will also be paid for their subsidized children that do not attend due to COVID.
- A message has been put out on a CallEmAll and Facebook notifying child care providers to still turn in all March attendance records even if the parents have not been able to sign. Payment will be made in the absence of signatures during this time of COVID.
- We are awaiting numerous Management Bulletins for further direction on legislation from SB 117, including direction on Emergency Child Care and Admission Priorities for essential workers.

Cherie Fields, San Luis Obispo County Public Health

- Public Health Home Visiting Program is telecommuting; telehealth visits
- Staff reassigned to EOC and swabbing
- Delivering bags of food through nursing staff from CAPSLO
- Still accepting referrals
- Public Health clinics closed;
- Paso Family Planning Clinic by appointment only or telehealth

Michelle Balter, San Luis Obispo County Public Health

- Public Health staff working remotely

- Immunizations are being deferred; no immunizations for SLO or Grover Beach
- Medical therapy units still working remotely with families and schools; gearing up to do telemedicine
- Martha's Place moved to telehealth

Nancy Norton, SLOCOE Child Development Programs

- Staff able to get back into classrooms to disinfect
- Creating activity bags for families
- Virtual parent meetings
- Possibly returning May 4th

Michelle Holm, Children Development Resource Center

- Virtual learning
- Therapy staff using telehealth and checking in with all families regardless of if not a therapy family
- Board voted to close through the end of April
- CDE will continue to keep contracts whole and continue to pay staff

Lauren Handley, Paso Robles Joint Unified School District

- Closed Early Learning Academy with PRJUSD as essential workers
- Online resources; working closely with special education and how to provide
- Delivering food at Culinary Arts and Paso Robles High School
 - Pick up locations for meals (11 AM - 1 PM)
 - Oak Park Apartments
 - Dry Creek Apartments
 - Apartments on Carrie Street

COORDINATOR UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay

- Child Care Planning Council housing child care referral system
- Council website landing page updated with emergency resources and linked directly with ReadySLO.org
- April is Month of the Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- Today is the first proclamation at Cuesta College; prepared a virtual acceptance speech

QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay

- Team has been collecting materials and creating/adapting print and digital content for the Activity Kits.
- Take home kits for providers and families will include resources around literacy, social emotional development, interactions, art, math, and science.
- Around 500 Activity Kits will be assembled.
- SLO, Ventura, & Santa Barbara Counties are pausing all assessments and redirecting those funds to a Health and Safety Stipend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 PM.

The next Council meeting will be held on May 6, 2020 from 9:00-11:00 AM at CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection, 805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

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