



## Director's Forum

February 3, 2022

Congrats to Busy Bees Family Child Care on their five-star renewal!

### 4C for Children Updates from [Lauren Muran](#):

- 4C is continuing to get a lot of calls from caregivers who are looking for care for children. They will be calling centers to ask about openings and encourage centers to fill out this information on their portal with updates on openings, times, pictures etc. A reminder that they will not use photos with children in them
- If you need help accessing your 4C Child Care Program portal, check the website or reach out to one of the 4C specialists. To access your online portal, one of our Family and Community Service Specialist will be glad to assist you by calling 800-256-1296 x1330
- On the first Wednesday of each even numbered month, 4C will be joined by an ODJFS representative who will go into detail about such topics as medication forms, transportation and field trips, staff files, orientation, and more. These sessions will be held virtually. Information on how to join can be found on their website [here](#), or you can reach out to [Archer Thomas](#).
- Step Up to Quality coaching is available for both administrators and classrooms from 4C for Children. Please contact [Andrew Brezezinski](#), you can click on his name.
- 4C hopes to resume in-person training in March
- CDA Orientation is taking place on February 8 you can register [here](#).
- New pilot program through ODJFS will be working with foster families
  - Two new staff have joined the 4C team to support the foster family initiative
  - If you know of anyone interested in becoming a foster family, please contact Caitlyn Hackett, 937-723-2722.

Upcoming 4C for Children training offerings includes:

- Child Abuse Recognition & Prevention, 2/5
- CPR & First Aid, 2/14 Register [Here](#)
- Our next virtual CDA cohort begins in March. Register [Here](#)
  - Please attend the CDA Orientation happening on 2/8 to learn more about programs and available scholarships
- Communicable Disease Recognition & Prevention, 3/19 Register [Here](#)

### **Crayons to Classrooms - Carlye Rausch, Program Manager**

- Crayons for Classrooms provides essential school supplies and materials to teachers of at-risk students across the Greater Dayton Region for Free to ensure that every child has the tools they need to engage, learn, grow, and fully experience the transformative power of education.
- Area teachers can shop for all of the supplies and resources that we have available at no cost to you.
- Applications must be submitted by March 15, 2022 and schools will be accepted or declined after April
- Fill out applications on their website [Here](#)
- Once staff is accepted they can shop for up to \$900 worth of supplies for free each year to the Crayons to Classrooms location, 1750 Woodman Dr.
- You do not have to reapply each year, once accepted you will remain a partner as long as you maintain a good participation of at least 15% of teachers participating in the program or at least 3 visits per school year
- They serve 117 schools and 6 child care centers
  - They provide materials for school age and Preschoolers who are 3-5 years old
- Contact for [Carlye Rausch](#), the Program Manager, or call her at 937.528.6404 for more information

**ODJFS Publicly Funded Child Care Portal Demonstration, [Palmer Jason](#), Program Administrator:**

- To see an estimated Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) Payment go [here](#) at the ODJFS site.
- Appendix A [Here](#) shows the reimbursement rate for the state. If your customary rate is below the appendix A rate then you will get the lower rate.
- The Reimbursement rate= Base Rate + %
  - The percentage is based on the star rating of the center
- SUTQ rating increases the amount of PFCC money that a center is eligible to receive. To maximize your reimbursement rate, then the customary rate should match reimbursement rate
- To change your customary rates for ODJFS
  - 1st Go to [Kinder Connect](#) to see your current rate
  - 2nd go [Here](#) to the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System to update your customary rate for PFCC
    - You may have to upload a pdf of your privately funded rate
- A Preschool Promise guide for weekly rates can be found Below
  - Centers, Day Camps, ODE Programs and Type A Homes- [Here](#)
  - Type B Homes- [Here](#)

**Update from ODJFS, Trentae Taylor, Licensing Supervisor:**

For Detailed Notes from ODJFS Click [Here](#)

- Child care stabilization grants, through the American Rescue Grant, and sub-grant applications are open, letters have been sent out
- Administration for children and families have partnered with Medicaid and Medicare, starting November 14 there were open registrations to help those in child care get affordable healthcare coverage
- Communicable disease charts had a rule change in October 2021 that updated documents to align with the pandemic. You will not receive a non-compliance if you do not have an updated version of the chart. Look for availability at form central.

- ODJFS has created an old world/new world document to reflect current and previous rules to reflect changes. It is not all inclusive but a helpful reference.

- ODJFS is aware that some of the system guides need to be updated. The information is still good but there could be some missing information on current rule requirements.

- The Office of Early Learning and School Readiness has drafted standards that they are looking for input on. They are open for public comment until February 18<sup>th</sup> on their website.

- Three new trainings, Making Decisions, Sickle Cell Disease, and Effects of Tobacco Use in child care centers for Ohio Approved Training are available

- January of 2022 announced improvements to SUTQ by way of the governor. The goal is to reduce administrative burdens.

- **Three key improvements:**

- Reduce paperwork/documentation without reducing safety

- Discontinue the renewal process by eliminating the annual application

- Assign a star-rating to centers that are provisionally licensed

\*\*The changes are not complete yet so annual renewals are necessary. Please renew or it could affect rating

- Serious incident injury reporting needs to include the number of children receiving COVID diagnoses, the last day they were in care, staff with positive tests,

- You do not need to report people on quarantine or those who have been previously reported.

- Do not submit a positive report if it is a parent or family member who is not enrolled in the program.

- Temporary Closers

- You do not to report if health department forces closer for a short period due to covid or if you need to close due to lack of staff

- If you are planning to close, please email your licensing specialist so that they do not drop in while you are closed.

- There is a new fencing rule.
  - Children can only play in a fenced in area

**Links Provided By ODJFS- Click on the Individual Link to View**

[Phase 2 Stabilization Grants MPL final 1-19-2022](#)

[Stabilization Grants MPL FINAL\\_11152021 rev. 4.27pm](#)

[FCC 10-29-2021 Rule Changes old world new world updated 11172021](#)

[CTR 10292021 Rule Changes old world new world updated 11172021](#)

[ODH ELDS Email](#)

[011222 ODJFS Announces Improvements to Step Up To Quality Child Care Program](#)

[ODH News Release - Ohio Aligns with School Quarantine and Isolation Guidance - 12.30.21](#)

[k-12-schools-quarantine-alternative-123021 UPDATED](#)

[WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE COVID GRAPHIC FINAL-123021](#)

**Preschool Promise Operations Updates, [Ashley Marshall](#), Director of Operations:**

- We are extending the opportunity to join to Huber Heights to centers that are rated 2-star or higher
- We are currently accepting provider applications for the 2022-2023 school year
- Make up sessions for the provider information session can be scheduled by contacting [Ashley Marshall](#).
- Family applications will be available in early March

**Register for the Preschool Promise PD Day on February 21<sup>st</sup> [here!](#)**

**Register for the Readiness Summit on March 4th, 2022 [here!](#)**