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Ellen C. Wheatley Ph.D.  
Acting Director  
Office of Child Care  
JFK Federal Building 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 2025  
Boston, MA 02203

RE: Planned Use of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021  
(CRRSA) Funds Report

Dear Dr. Ellen C. Wheatley,

I am writing on behalf of the Narragansett Indian Tribe's CRRSA Funds and our planned expenditures. We are a Tribally operated center serving CCDF eligible children. See our plans below:

Direct Child care Services (Subsidies)

The CRRSA funds will be used to support additional staff and operating costs associated with enhanced staffing to align with state and federal operating procedures related to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

The center will hire a Certified Health Professional (CHP) to monitor staff and children on a daily basis for symptoms related to Coronavirus. A housekeeper will be hired to sanitize all classrooms, surfaces, toys and other areas throughout the day. A professional cleaning company will be contracted to perform a deep cleaning 3 days a week to include floors, windows and touchable surfaces. A consultant will be provided to train staff on operating procedures regarding the pandemic ; to include reopening training based on state requirements. Environmentally friendly cleaning products will be purchased. Personal Protective equipment will be provided to staff, children and families. Posters and other materials that emphasize wearing coverings and hand washing will be placed throughout the building.

Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

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The funds will be utilized to stabilize our center with additional staff, supplies, trainings and programming deemed necessary during this pandemic. The areas of support are outlined in the Direct Child Care Services and Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Procedures sections of this report.

Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

Due to operating Tribal Center we need more guidance on how to implement this requirement.

Other

Distance learning opportunities will be provided on an ongoing basis to families in the area of cultural programming and agriculture (farming) activities. During the closure of our center (due to the Coronavirus pandemic) families were engaged in distance learning activities to keep the children connected to the center.

If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Jacquelynne A. Stanton, Education Director, at (401) 374-3220; Monday thru Friday from 8:30AM until 4:30PM. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/

Anthony D. Stanton  
Chief Sachem

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