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### MISSION STATEMENT

*"On behalf of the Children:*

*The SALC team will partner with Parents & Community members to create & deliver an Early Childhood learning experience known for a dedication to excellence.*

*We will provide program stability and empower our obligation to the children, families, their learning, self-discovery, and future.*

*Our environment will be filled with sounds of spoken Seneca, displays of Seneca culture everywhere, and feelings of love, happiness, & laughter throughout."*

Seneca Arts and Learning Center  
25 Center Street  
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February 24, 2021

Shannon Christian Would need to edit the name to Ellen Wheatley  
Director of the Office of Child Care  
U.S. Dept. Of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families  
330 C. Street SW Room 4522  
Washington, DC 2001

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how the Seneca Arts and Learning Center and Early Childhood Learning Center plans to use the Child care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- In an effort to provide more care as businesses continue to open we will provide services to the essential and frontline workers of our community. As the demand for childcare services increases our plans are to call back our currently furloughed staff. This will include lead teacher, and teacher assistants, in effort to continually provide stable quality care to the children and families we serve, we deem it necessary to support our staff and facilities department by providing additional personnel. We will provide additional staffing to alleviate fatigue, burn out, and training opportunities. The additional staff will also allow for coverage to provide in the event of illness and additional cleaning and sanitizing. We find it necessary to keep our staff up to date on the ever-evolving training and guidelines recommended by both the Office of Child and

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Family Services and Center for Disease Control. It is our intention to assist and support all families during these unprecedented items. As funding allows we will be working with families to provide the childcare assistance to frontline, sanitation, emergency responders, or anyone deemed essential without regard to the income eligibility requirements. To continue to provide our center will remain in constant communication regarding the services we provide.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- It is our intention to continue to reach out to the home providers and supply them with the needed support and implementation of health and safety practices in line with the CDC, our tribal, and local public health guidelines. We will support by continuing to supply the providers with PPE, fire extinguishers, carbon dioxide detectors, baby gates, electrical outlet protectors, and other safety guards to ensure their home is safe for the children in their care. We can continue to supply the providers with training opportunities, such as adult and pediatric first aid/CPR, AED, trainings relevant to childcare needs and health and safety practices. In addition to the above mentioned needs we feel the funding plan should include upgrading and replenishment of supplies for our classroom and building functions. This will allow us to maintain our top priority to maintain the safe and healthy facility we pride ourselves on. To ensure our efforts continue to be met we would be purchasing napping cots with storage racks, sanitizing machine, thermometers, staff scrubs, masks, face shields, isolation room supplies, and training obligations.

3. Grants or Assistance to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- In an effort to stabilize childcare providers in the future we will continue payments to the providers in the case of decreased enrollment or closure, to assure the providers are able to remain open or re-open. We will offer grants to providers for accesses and completing virtual training and professional development.

4. Assistance to Providers not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- We will supply providers not participating in the program prior to the pandemic with all of the essential supplies to create a safe environment for caring for the children. We will provide fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, baby gates, electrical outlet protectors, trainings, cleaning supplies, PPE materials, ect...

5. Other

- It is necessary for us to continue to provide our children with language and culture opportunities. To do this we would provide the classroom with the needed technology to stream lessons from the language department in an effort to limit the number of visitors in the building, and stay compliant with our COVID 19 safety plan, we would use the new and additional technology for implementing daily culture. We would stream socials, culture activities from the culture center, men's and women's ceremonial, and our language department.

In closing these funds will be obligated by 9/30/2022 and liquated by 9/20/2023.

Thank you for your continued support, your efforts help us to provide stable and quality care to the children and families we serve. If you have any questions regarding this submission you may reach me at (716)945-5035 X 3302.

The Seneca Arts and Learning Center will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

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Amy Jimerson

SALC Director

Seneca Nation

**Cc: Shonda Laurel, Regional Program Manager, Office of Child Care, Region II  
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