



Ellen C. Wheatley, Ph.D.
Acting Director
Office of Child Care

RE: CRRSA Funding

Dear Dr. Wheatley,

I am writing on behalf of the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut as the Lead Agent in regard to our recent Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Funding. The following are examples of some ways in which we are considering using the funding available:

Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies):

The Lead Agency will continue to provide direct child care services using the CRRSA funds.

Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices:

The Lead Agency plans to provide daycare facilities with personal protective equipment and supplies needed to maintain healthy environments and operations (e.g., masks for adults/children, infrared thermometers.

Another consideration is providing computers and/or tablets to assist the daycare facilities with school aged children that participate in remote learning.

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

The Lead Agency plans to offer financial assistance grants to each facility to help them maintain their staff and recover funding, due to social distancing protocols causing a reduction in enrollment.

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

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As daycare facilities closed, due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Lead Agency has contracted with new daycare facilities. The CRRSA funds will help provide direct service payments to daycare facilities that were not participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Other:

The Lead Agency is considering using CRRSA funding to assist providers with additional items such as cleaning supplies and storage bins/carts for the cleaning supplies. Professional cleaning/sanitizing services are also available to assist the providers.

Sincerely,

/s/

R. James Gessner, Jr.

Tribal Chairman