

August 11, 2020

Dear Early Childhood Education Staff,

First of all, a sincere and gigantic **THANK YOU** for your sacrifice and dedication to our young children and families during these challenging times. We recognize your work is **ESSENTIAL** and we are here to empower you as you nurture the young ones who are our future. It's not going to be easy, but we will get through this together!

In order to protect your children, childcare staff, and families while COVID-19 is still a public health concern; our consultation services will look different. Though we are accepting referrals, we will not be physically entering into facilities to provide consultation at this time. In addition, we will be sending you our updated referral form.

We are able to provide support by:

- Conducting classroom observations and consultation/coaching through online platforms (Zoom, Google Meet, or preferred method)
- Providing observation feedback and/or troubleshooting around behavioral challenges through phone, email, or video conference
- Providing teachers and parents with developmental and or social/emotional screenings and make recommendations based on results
- Providing additional education or training around child specific needs
- Providing classroom materials such as: basic sensory items, visuals, social stories, etc.
- Educating caregivers in regards to available community resources, early intervention services, and options for therapies
- Assist with making appropriate referrals, when necessary
- Advocating for early childhood education staff in insuring they are supported in their role as caregivers

Though the safety of children and staff is our main priority, we understand that these are challenging times and your needs are constantly changing. We welcome collaboration with you as to how we can best meet your needs. We are here for you.

With sincere appreciation and gratitude,

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