

Dear Colleagues;

We wanted to take this opportunity to provide more information on the various COVID-related activities and child care from the Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration.

Please take a look at the revamping of the COVID-19 Financial Resources page for Providers on the NH Connections/Child Care Aware of NH website at <https://www.nh-connections.org/covid-19/financial-resources/>

Please note; this is the same information that has been available since the beginning of the pandemic however, with a new user-friendly layout!

Now onto programs –

COVID-19 Child Care Supplemental Assistance (CRRSA)

These stabilization grants were awarded on March 26 with funds that can be used for COVID-related expenses and income losses from **March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022**. With over 75% of the funding already invoiced and on its way to providers, it is important to note what this money can be used for. Some items include but are not limited to; offset family costs, staff bonuses, fill in when enrollment is done and so much more.

CRRSA Resources Available:

For more information on CRRSA and how to use the funds please refer to the recorded webinars here: <https://www.nh-connections.org/covid-19/financial-resources/>

Allowable Expenses Chart: <https://files.constantcontact.com/49b439d5301/9eb8259d-90bf-46e3-81d7-cb82640077f9.pdf>.

CRRSA FAQ here: <https://www.nh-connections.org/uploads/2021/04/CRRSSA-Webinar-FAQ-4.23.pdf>

Please see below for upcoming webinars and office hours:

- **Topic: WEBINAR - How to Use Your CRRSA Funds Pt Two - Confused, Concerned or Just Plain Curious?**

Time: Tuesday, May 25 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Join us to hear the many ways to use your CRRSA Funds between March 2020 and September 2022. These funds are for COVID-related expenses and income losses, but that means more than just the basics. We will cover the allowable uses and talk about creative ways to use the funds to support your staff and families. A lengthy Q & A period will be included.

Register at <https://www.nh-connections.org/covid-19/financial-resources/>

- ***No Registration Required Office Hours*** (see details for zoom call at <https://www.nh-connections.org/covid-19/financial-resources/>)

Topic: CRRSA Office Hours

Time: Jun 1, 2021 10:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Jun 8, 2021 10:00 PM

Topic: Absent Due to COVID Office Hours

Time: May 26, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

May 26, 2021 12:00 PM

Jun 2, 2021 12:00 PM

Jun 9, 2021 12:00 PM

Absent Due to COVID Billing (AD2C) – This program is open to scholarship and non-scholarship programs and allows each eligible child 10 days for each renewal period. The new period began on May 3 and runs through August 29, 2021. Payments are made to programs by invoice.

New policy guidelines and spreadsheets are being posted on Monday, May 24 at: <https://www.nh-connections.org/covid-19/financial-resources/>

All invoices for the period between ***December 28 to May 2 are due no later than June 18***.at 5:00 PM. No additional invoices for that period will be accepted after that date.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

This an exciting opportunity for the state, with 77 million dollars of funds targeted at the stabilization and sustainability of child care in a wide variety of ways. We are still waiting for guidance on the second of two funding streams and have a plan for gathering input from the field. Please keep an eye on NH Connections webpage using the following link for updates:

<https://www.nh-connections.org/covid-19/financial-resources/>

Best,

The BCDHSC Team