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Subject:

COVID-19 Emergency Child Care Response

When childcare centers closed in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, EHSD led the way in responding to the urgent need of reliable, trustworthy care for the families of Contra Costa's essential workers. Parents, including many of you at EHSD, needed help caring for children in order to continue working through the pandemic.

EHSD and many organizations got together to form the County's Emergency Child Care Task Force. In addition to Community Services Bureau (CSB) lead on the task force, CSB teachers and supervisors were instrumental in providing high-quality childcare during the 11-week run of the program. The task force also benefitted from Policy & Planning's leadership and planning, as well as Community Relations' support to get the word out to essential workers about the availability of the Emergency Child Care program during this critical time.

Policy & Planning prepared a data snapshot of Contra Costa's COVID-19 Emergency Child Care Response for our County leaders and community partners. The snapshot underscores the fact that top-notch childcare is essential to help our community thrive during emergency and non-emergency times. Click below to see the snapshot and learn more about the families the Emergency Child Care Program served, the county entities that came together to overcome many childcare challenges, and the role safe reliable childcare has in our community's economic recovery.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CHILD CARE TASK FORCE

COVID-19 Emergency Child Care Response March 17 - June 5, 2020