Child Care Support for Hospitals
Progress to Date, Details to Date
Conference Call Overview and Input for OEC

ESF 6 Child Care Subgroup met at the Emergency Operations Center to Plan for Child Care Access

a. Supporting Hospitals with Child Care Access
   i. OEC has mapped and reached out to child care programs near hospitals to gauge interest in partnering to open child care for health care workers.
   ii. OEC is Collaborating with Family Child Care (FCC) organizations to expand FCC capacity near hospitals
       1. Commissioner has a call scheduled with FCC providers
          Monday, 3/16/20 at 7 PM

b. How it will work:
   i. OEC has contracted with 211 Child Care to triage with hospital staff, through a dedicated 211 line for personnel, who need child care. This phone service will be open today at noon.
      a. Here is the number we will be dedicating to the hospital workers at 211 Child Care: 860-756-0864. This will be operational tomorrow at 12:00 noon.
   ii. OEC has researched existing providers near hospitals that may be open and have space. OEC will prioritize small programs like family child care and smaller centers, or centers with small populations in attendance.
      1. Hospitals can help by using established relationships with existing providers.
         a. For example: Over the weekend, we were able to help expedite opening a hospital and first responder specific program near St. Mary’s Hospital because of existing relationships and local funders.
   iii. There will be three steps for the employee child care triage. If Steps 1 or 2 do not lead to finding child care, we would like hospitals to help determine who gets prioritized for step 3 - hospital-based program.
3 Steps to Obtain Child Care:

1. Encourage your hospital workers to reach out to neighbors and friends, and people who their child knows - to provide child care. (211 Child Care)
2. If not available, connect to dedicated 211 Child Care Infoline for hospital workers to locate child care near hospital or home. (211 Child Care)
3. Refer back to HR for limited spaces for Hospital Based Program

   a. *This triage is critical because there are a limited number of spaces in programs. Hospitals can place most critical staff.*

   iv. OEC will help support the opening of small sites (in keeping with public health guidance) on an as-needed basis.
   1. If your hospital needs OEC support with child care in any way please call 860-558-4376.
   2. We have identified some funds, and funding will vary depending on the program design. Each hospital will likely have a different solution.
   3. The funds are based on costs related to 26 children in a child care setting near the hospital.

   v. OEC Developed a survey for Hospital HR to distribute to help understanding the demand and to prioritize hospitals with highest needs. See Survey here.
   https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cVoMUJeB3aD56Hr
   An email introduction will be sent as well.
   1. You can let us know how to best share results with you.