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This is a message from the California Department of Education (CDE), Early Learning and Care Division (ELCD).

Emergency Disaster Relief Information Related to Statewide Emergency Due to Fires, Extreme Weather Conditions

In response to an emergency proclamation issued on August 18, 2020, by Governor Newsom, regarding the fires burning across California, the CDE, ELCD is sending this notice to all ELCD Contracting Agencies.

On August 18, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a statewide emergency to help ensure the availability of critical resources to address the fires occurring across the state.

The CDE, ELCD recognizes the impact to communities caused by the fires and the resulting, often long-term, emergency conditions. Some natural events may have rendered centers, family child care homes, and license-exempt providers unable to offer services, while other events may have increased the number of families experiencing homelessness.

The CDE, ELCD is offering some information that may be helpful in responding to local disasters, as well as for local agency recovery efforts in continuing to serve California's child care needs.

Reimbursement for Reduced Days of Operation

In the next few weeks, the CDE, ELCD will send specific guidance related to reimbursement for ELC programs who have closed due to non COVID-19 related emergencies.

Please contact your assigned ELCD, Program Quality Implementation Office Regional Consultant as soon as possible if your agency was impacted by the fires or if you have any questions regarding this announcement. A list of consultants can be found on the *ELCD Consultant Regional Assignments* web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/ci/assignments.asp>, or by phone at 916-322-6233.

Incidents at Licensed Facilities

If you operate a licensed facility, please report any incidents on the premises to the California Department of Social Services pursuant to the *California Code of*

Regulations, Title 22, sections 101212(d) and 102416.2(c). All licensed facilities should follow their disaster plans on file pursuant to *Health and Safety Code* Section 1596.95(f).

Families Experiencing Homelessness due to a Disaster

For information regarding Homeless Children and Youth, please refer to MB 18-04 which is located on the CDE Web site at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/ci/mb1804.asp>. MB 18-04 communicates provisions for contractors in order to better support and serve families who are experiencing homelessness.

Resources for Disaster Response and Recovery

California Resource and Referral (R&R) programs provide training and technical assistance, as well as resources for Early Learning and Care providers. Please contact your local R&R for information on available resources. A list of R&Rs is found on the CDE web site at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/rragencylist.asp>.

Additional Resources

For information on Governor Newsom's emergency proclamation, please refer to the Office of Governor Gavin Newsroom web page at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/08/18/governor-newsom-declares-statewide-emergency-due-to-fires-extreme-weather-conditions-2/>.

For information on the CDE Resources for California Wildfires, please refer to the CDE Resources for California Wildfires web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/el/le/yr17ltr1020.asp>.

For information on the CDE Disaster Relief Guidelines, please refer to the CDE Disaster Relief Guidelines web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/sn/disaster.asp>.

For information on disaster assistance and resources in California, please refer to the CDE Disaster Resources web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/dr/>.

For information on emergency resources from federal, state, and local agencies, please refer to the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) website at <http://www.caloes.ca.gov>.

Information on the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Community Care Licensing Regional Offices can be found at the CDSS web site at <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/community-care-licensing>.

For information on Helping your Child Cope After a Disaster, visit the Office of Head Start Early Childhood and Learning Center web site at <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/helping-your-child-cope-after-disaster>.

The California MAP to Inclusion and Belonging: Coping with Trauma Resources web

site is at <https://cainclusion.org/camap/resources-and-links/coping-with-trauma-a-collection-of-resources/>.

The National Child Trauma Stress Network web site is at <https://www.nctsn.org/what-is-child-trauma/trauma-types/disasters/wildfire-resources>.

The CDE Wildfires web page is at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ep/wildfires.asp>.

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