

NC Pre-K Site Administrator Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2020

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

- I. Welcome and Introduction- Ar-Nita Davis, Subsidy Manager**
 - A. Please sign-in in the chat area with your name and center
 - B. Celebrating Accomplishment of Programs Starting with Qualified Teachers!

- II. Guest Speaker: Mary E. Datka, M.Ed.** (Licensing Supervisor Division of Child Development and Early Education NC Department of Health and Human Services)

- III. President's Report - Mary Sonnenberg, President ***

- IV. NC Pre-K Updates – Ar-Nita Davis**
 - A. 2020-2021 NC Pre-K Updates**
 1. 2020-2021 School Year Opening 10 month School Year Calendar/Mode Reopening NC Pre-K Sites/classrooms will only receive 10 months of reimbursement for the 2020-21 school year.
 2. 2020-2021 County Recruitment Efforts
 - B. Teaching Strategies Gold Training:** DCDEE Teaching Strategies Distance Learning training to be scheduled during teacher workdays/professional development days on **October 13th and 14th of 2020.**
 - C. ASQ Updates** -Same login and link. Please contact Ms. Drogos if information is needed
 - D. NC Pre-K Attendance**
 1. Child information should be fed forward from NC Pre-K APP to the NC Pre-K KIDS database system. Please begin today.
 2. Complete monthly attendance as usual for children who are receiving in-person services. For children who are receiving services remotely, attendance should only be reported for days when a Family Check-in is successfully completed.
 3. Monthly Attendance Reports must have Site Administrator signatures and date.
 4. Scan and email to ncprek@ccpfc.org.
 5. Mail original attendance report.

- V. Regional V: Mary T. Anders** (Regional Early Childhood Consultant) Region 5 School Age Community Forum

- VI. CCR&R Department – Julanda Jett** (Professional Development Manager)

- VII. Opportunities to Share/Open Discussion**

Adjourn (2:30pm)

Save the Dates: Next NC Pre-K Administrator's Meeting- Thursday, October 2020

30 Tips of Dignity & Respect (Kids Version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDQnXvDbL7E&t=56s>

Family Support Unit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfuVTireHCY&t=198s>

Executive Committee (Acting on Behalf of Board)
(Virtual Meeting)
Thursday, August 27, 2020
President's Report

A. North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC) Updates / DCDEE Updates / Legislative Updates

1. **NCPC** – Continuing to meet twice weekly with network executive directors.
 - Update on going into 100% allocation: budget amendments anticipated in October/November. Additional information provided to NCPC regarding our reversion dollars and impact of COVID-19. The budget amendment to go into 100% allocation will include our carry-forward funds from our reversion.
 - \$5M in additional CARES funding (part of a total of \$20M for early childhood). Focus will be on supporting families. Specific work will be on supporting families experiencing toxic stress and the providers who support them through resilience training and support for business software for Family Child Care Homes to increase access to high quality child care. All partnerships in the network will have access to training and support around these areas. Included in the proposals are access to technology for families to access services and Family Child Care Homes to utilize online resources.
 - Amy Cabbage started her role as President of NCPC on August 3.
2. **DCDEE** – Ariel Ford has been named the new director for DCDEE. Her start date was August 24. She is returning to NC after stints in Delaware and Tennessee.
 - Subsidy programs will begin operating under normal processes in September. Payment will be based on actual attendance. Parent Fees will no longer be waived. Parents also received notice of these changes from DCDEE.
 - Programs that are open must meet enhanced health and safety standards.
 - PPE and cleaning supplies being provided by state to child care providers. Open programs being shipped 4-8 week supplies directly to sites. Providers have begun receiving these supplies in multiple shipments.
 - DCDEE is working to address concerns related to COVID-19 including payment when a facility is closed due to quarantine, when a subsidized child is not able to attend a facility due to being quarantined, and school-age children attending facilities full-time now that has started for the year.
 - A special meeting of the Child Care Commission has been called for **August 27, 2020, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm by WebEx**. Comments on the rules (attached) may be submitted by email to Dedra.Alston@dhhs.nc.gov or by mailing to Dedra Alston, Division of Child Development and Early Education, 2201 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2200. The comment period ends on September 2, 2020. There will not be a time set aside for public comment during this meeting however, the public is invited to listen to the meeting by clicking: <https://ncgov.webex.com/ncgov/onstage/g.php?MTID=ec6c7fb3c84fe0d0956daef0b798367d6>
 - NC PreK Guidance for reopening released August 3 (see attached).

- DCDEE sent out a survey for updated information on school-age child care availability.
3. **NC Legislature** – The General Assembly goes back in session September 2 to continue to address COVID-19 relief and allocation of federal CARES money. There are critical needs for child care and family needs related to COVID-19. No action has been taken at this time on the **Leandro Action Plan for 20-21**.
 4. **NC Justice Center along with Moms Rising and the National Domestic Workers Alliance hosted a statewide Digital Town Hall on Early Childhood Education in NC on August 25**. It was widely attended by child care providers and families.
 5. **Federal Legislation** – House and Senate has worked on additional COVID relief bills. The bills continue to vary widely. There is relief for early childhood and schools in the bills.
- B. Grant Opportunities/Updates**
1. **Infrastructure Grant Opportunities:** Have requested proposal from Steve Fleming for third phase of work to complete design plans as well as potential phasing of the project.
 2. **PDG RFPs from NCPC for Regional Family Connects Pilots and Family Engagement:** NC has received a no-cost extension for year one of the PDG. Priorities for this year have been identified. Family Connects is on the priority list for this year, though modified. The focus will be on single counties, rural or high need with the innovation of telehealth. Application will be done by Letter of Interest. The PDG grant also included funding for NC Pre-K sites for Teaching Strategies GOLD. Roll out of the Teaching Strategies platform, including training, to NC PreK classrooms is in process as sites reopen for the new school year.
- C. COVID-19 Updates**
1. **PFC implemented its HR 110 Communicable Disease Policy on Monday, March 16. Building closed to general public March 30 and this status continues.**
 2. **Phase 2:** We are implementing procedures and protocols following federal and state health and safety guidelines for returning to work. The Governor has extended Phase 2 Safer at Home through September 11.
 3. **PFC Guidelines:**
 - a. Staggered schedules continue, determined by supervisors by department to manage business and programmatic functions. Staggered schedules may include a combination of teleworking and on-site work.
 - b. Staff continuing to telework the majority of work time include TAs and Professional Development staff and staff who are in high-risk categories.
 - c. Masks provided to all staff to reinforce the 3 Ws.
 - d. PFC Staff, Tenants and their clients, and contractors (i.e. cleaning and security) must complete a screening questionnaire for COVID-19 prior to entry into the building.
 - e. Family First Paid Sick Leave and FMLA Expansion available for those staff who meet the criteria.
 - f. Virtual options for contact with families and providers continue. Limited face-to-face contact with families and providers done with supervisor guidance when dictated to complete deliverables. In those cases, procedures for 3 Ws and screening are followed.
 - g. Began limited utilization of conference room space for groups of no more than 10 people effective

June 22 in order to meet deliverables. Screening procedures, the 3 Ws and cleaning procedures must be followed by all participants including the facilitator of the group.

- h. Enhanced cleaning of the building throughout the day continues.
- i. The building is restricted to PFC staff, tenants and tenant clients by appointment only. Access is Monday-Friday only, with client appointments during the hours of 8:30 am – 6:00 pm. The building remains closed on weekends and PFC recognized holidays through Phase 2.
- j. Per Policy HR 110, President maintains regular contact with Board Chair for review and continuation of services. Regular communication going out to Board. Decisions are made based on state guidance and mandates.
- k. Email Updates and DHHS Guidance documents posted on website: ccpfc.org.

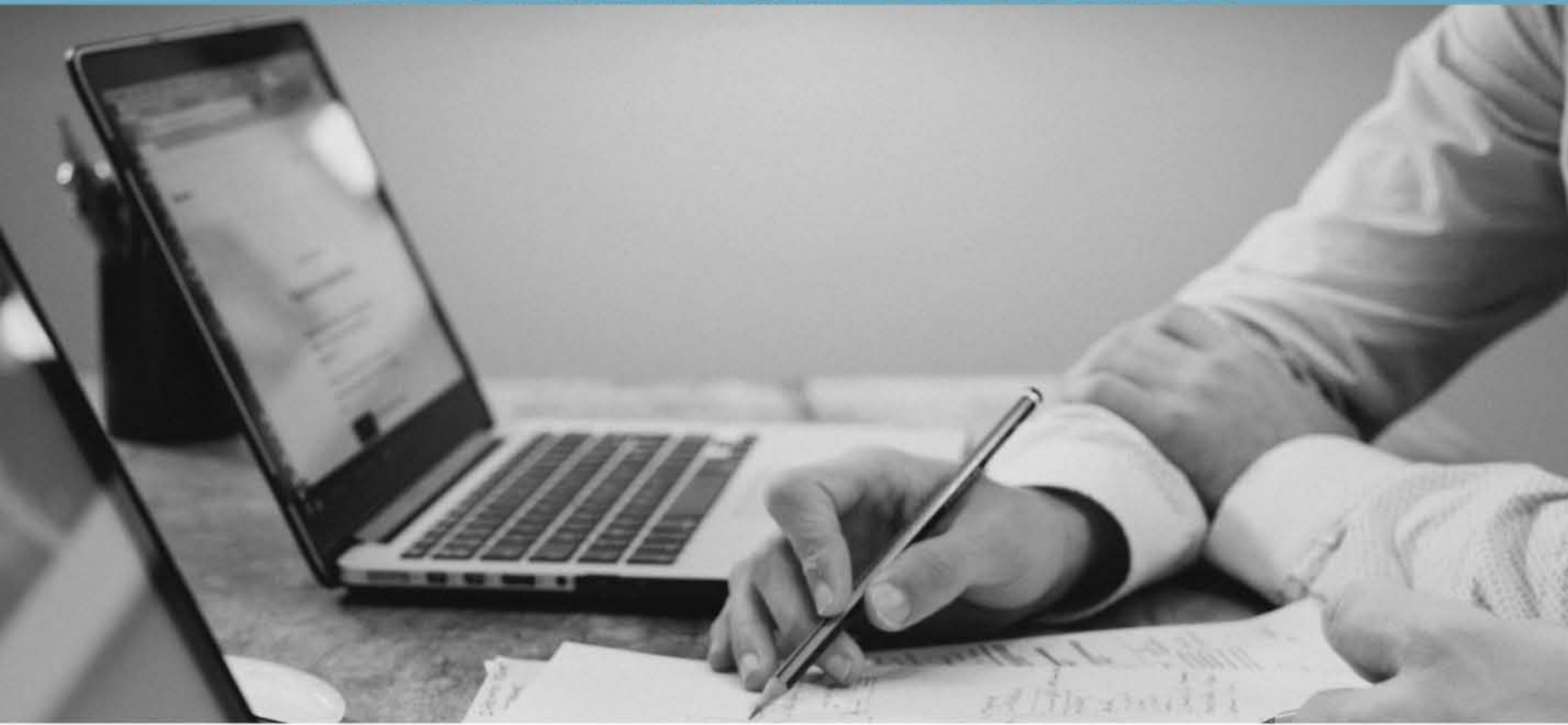
D. RFPs

1. **The RFP for the Three-Year Smart Start Grant Cycle July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024** is being prepared for public notice.
2. **The RFP for a new phone system** to replace our current antiquated system has been developed and prepared for public notice.

E. Events

1. **Board and Committee Meetings:** Meetings will be conducted virtually at least through the end of Phase 2 due to space limits of conference rooms for social distancing. When we resume face-to-face meetings, a virtual option will continue to be available.
2. **All Staff Virtual meetings:** Effective July 8 conducted second and fourth Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30 pm through the duration of the COVID-19 emergency.
3. **Virtual New Board Orientation:** Friday, August 28, 2020, 8:30-11:00am. Registration link sent via email by Belinda Gainey.
4. **Tenant Virtual Meeting:** Thursday, September 3, 4:00-5:30 pm. If you are interested in attending, let Mike Yeager and Belinda Gainey know.
5. **Virtual Provider meetings focused on School-age programming and general information will be hosted by the CCR&R department in September.** The school-age programming meeting is being done in collaboration with the Statewide School Age Coordinator through the CCR&R Council. Dates and times TBD.
6. **Forward March Conference:** This conference was cancelled in March. At this point we do not expect it to be rescheduled this fiscal year. The planning group will reconvene after the first of the year to determine next steps.

Virtual Scholarship Information Sessions



*Think college is not affordable? Learn how to earn a degree debt free
and support staff on their college path.*

Teacher education points are a critical component of your program's star rating.

EVENT DATES

SEPTEMBER 17, 23, 28

OCTOBER 7, 19, 21, 26

NOVEMBER 4, 18

DECEMBER 9, 14

ALL VIRTUAL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD @ 1 PM

This session is ideal for early care and education providers including child care program owners, administrators, and teachers.

Email Schquitab@childcareservices.org with your preferred RSVP date for access to the live session

