

The Costs of Containment: Returning to the New Normal




As we begin thinking about the gradual reopening of the economy, child care providers are going to be faced with the "new normal". Even the most optimistic individuals suggest we will be dealing with repercussions from the pandemic even after Pennsylvania goes back to work. What do child care providers need to think about now to reopen?

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Panelists

- **Tonya Bastinelli**, Director, PSECU Child Care Center, Harrisburg
- **Tina Butz**, Family Child Care Provider, Pottsville
- **Karen Grimm-Thomas**, Director of External Relations, OCDEL
- **Amy Requa**, MSN, CRNP, Senior Health Manager, The PA Key
- **Maggie Rivera**, Director, Holy Redeemer Child Care, Meadowbrook



CDC Guidance for Child Care Programs that Remain Open

- Plan ahead to ensure adequate supplies to support hand hygiene behaviors and routine cleaning of objects and surfaces.
- Encourage staff to take everyday preventive actions to prevent the spread of respiratory illness.
- Require sick children and stay to stay home.
- Have a plan if someone is or becomes sick.
- Monitor and plan for absenteeism among your staff
- Review plans for implementing social distancing strategies
- Plan to limit nonessential visitors and postpone or cancel use of classroom volunteers.
- Implement social distancing strategies
- Intensify cleaning and disinfection efforts
- Modify drop on and pick up procedures
- Implement screening procedures up arrival
- Maintain an adequate ratio of staff to children to ensure safety
- When feasible, staff members and older children should wear face coverings within the facility. Cloth face coverings should NOT be put on babies and children under age two
- **All children, staff, and volunteers should engage in hand hygiene**

OCDEL Update

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Questions for Maggie, Tonya, and Tina

- Why did you decide to keep you program open?
- What were two of your biggest challenges?
- What was your single most effective solution to your biggest challenge in serving children?
- Have operation costs increased? In what areas? And by how much -- estimate?


What is the single best piece of advice you can offer colleagues planning to reopen their programs?

QUESTIONS

Child Care Aware® of America and CARE USA are proud to support child care providers serving on the frontline during the COVID-19 pandemic.


Child Care Aware has partnered with an agency called [CARE USA](#) that is wanting to send gift cards and care packages to essential workers that are working in some of the hardest hit areas of the country.

- If you are a provider serving the families of essential workers, you can apply for a gift card or CARE package from CARE USA.
- Applicants must be:
 - A child care provider
 - Currently open and providing care for essential personnel



<https://info.childcareaware.org/care-packages-for-child-care-providers>

TAKING ACTION



[Cover Parent Co-Pays](#)

Please take a few minutes this week to urge PA lawmakers that efforts to save early learning programs in PA must authorize emergency funding to cover the **costs of the parent co-pay for children enrolled in child care subsidy.**

This is the first in a six-week campaign focusing on ensuring that there are resources to help child care recover. [We invite you to join us and our colleagues in the Start Strong PA Campaign in this effort.](#)

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