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COVID-19 Child Care Updates & NCGA Short Session Preview

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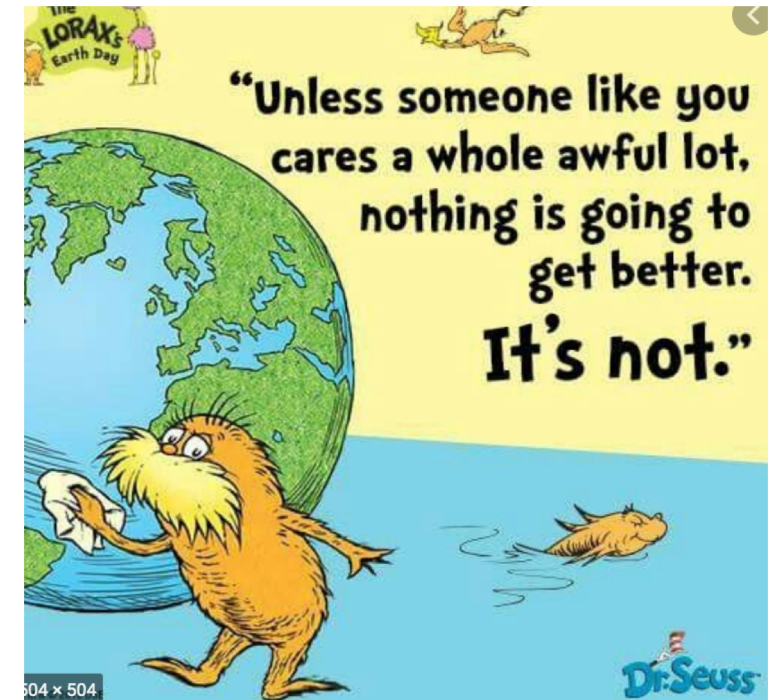
Message of Hope from Elliott



“There’s a light
at the end of
the tunnel!”

Goals for Today

- Updates COVID 19 Child Care Policy
- Focus on the 2020 Short Session



Let's Connect Poll!

What do you like about the new COVID-19 child care policies?

Are you an essential worker in NC?

Do you need child care?
Call 1-888-600-1685 for local options.
Financial assistance may be available.

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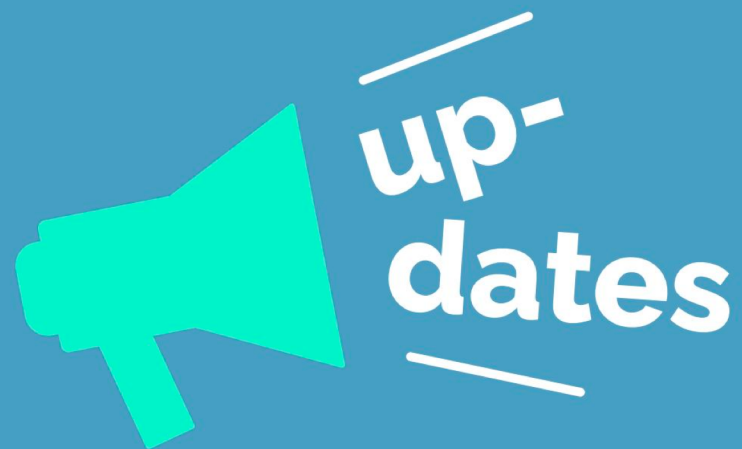


New Policies

- Expanded child care subsidy eligibility to 300% FPL
- Higher payment rates for child care for essential workers
- Covering parent co-pay fees
- Teacher and Staff Bonuses
- Child care hotline
- Covering Subsidy and NC PreK whether open or closed

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NC COVID-19 Updates

Impacts Child Care Reopening and Rebuilding

- Stay-at-home extended through May 8
- Phased plan for reopening
 - Depends on testing, tracing and trends
- K-12 public schools closed for the rest of the year. Continue remote learning

2nd Round Small Business Loans

- COVID-19 Congress Passed V3.5
- Includes \$480 billion for federal small business loans programs
 - \$320B for Payroll Protection Program
 - \$60B for Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program
- Likely to go just as far – eligible applications in the hopper
- Are you ready? Loan application should already be in
 - If not apply now!



NC Pre-K News



- New guidance on NC Pre-K remote learning (April 22)
- Expectation whether open or closed – provide remote learning or in-person if part of child care program serving essential workers.
- Engage in real-time with parents/caregivers and children twice per week.
- Visit the NCDPI Office of Early Learning Resources page for digital learning resources

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NC General Assembly Short Session Overview



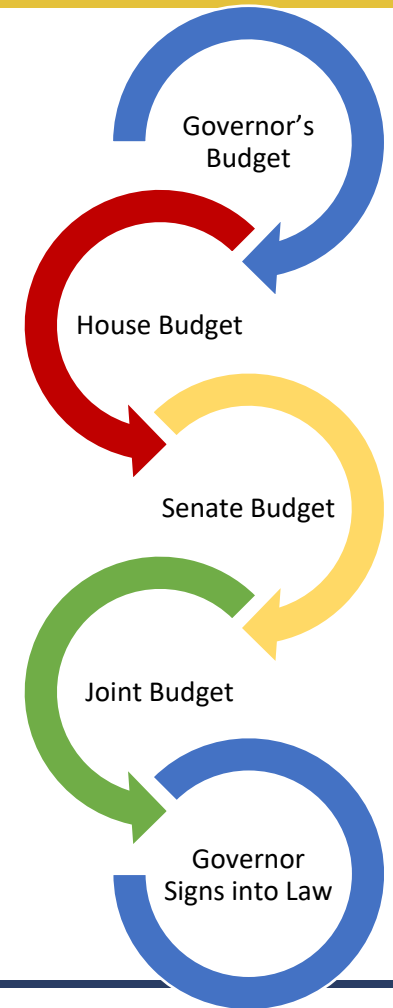
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Short Session Overview

NC General Assembly -

- April 28 – 30
- Focus only on immediate COVID-19 related issues through June 30
- Considering all federal funding available (CARES Act) for COVID-19
- Usual process - see graphic
- Meeting virtually and In-person votes?



Short Session Overview

What we know today –

- House Workgroups presented their plans
 - Health – child care included in \$25 bucket for food, safety, shelter & child care
 - No specific amount designated for Child Care
 - PPE could include child care supplies
 - Temporary Waiver of 3 Year Fingerprint requirements for open programs
 - Economic Support - \$75M state small business loan program via Golden Leaf
- Nothing yet public from the Senate – stay tuned!
- Can listen in at -
<https://www.ncleg.gov/LegislativeCalendar/>

Before 2020



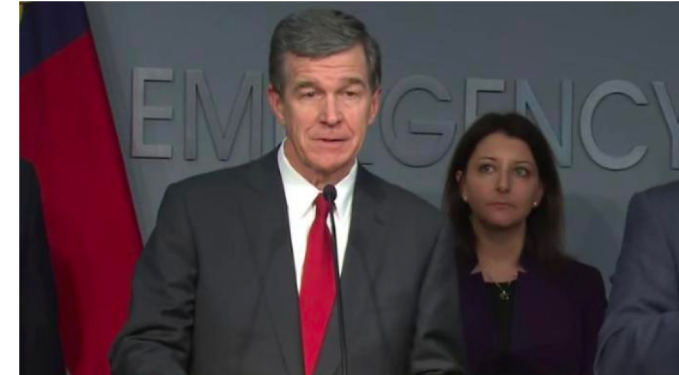
COVID-19 Session



Governor Cooper

Released COVID-19 plan

- only Federal funding
- Total package = \$1.4 billion until July 1, 2020
 1. Immediate public health and safety
 - Includes \$25 M same as House for food, shelter, child care
 - Enhanced Personnel safety, equipment and sanitation supplies
 2. Continuity of operations for education and state government
 - Public schools, UNC system, Community Colleges, State government operations
 3. Small business assistance - \$75 Million
 - NC COVID-19 Rapid Recovery Lending Program - Already received 3400 applications from 98 counties totaling \$122M since March 24th.



Handout

New Advocacy Tools – State Map and Graphics

- Story Collection - handout
- State Map and Data Table
 - Point in time
 - Data from DCDEE applications

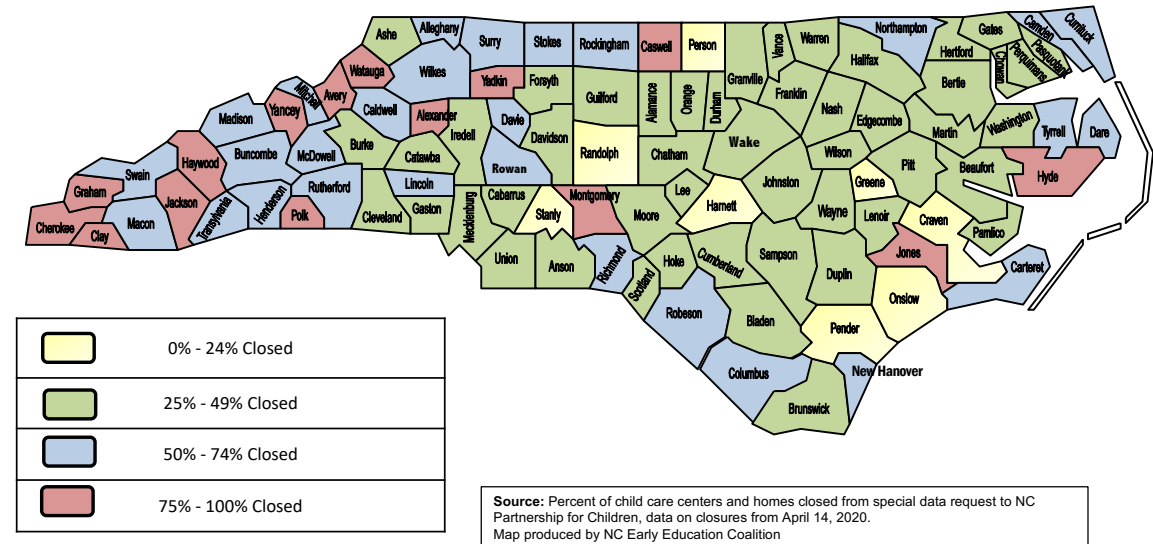
- My Blog Post – media coverage

<https://www.ncearlyeducationcoalition.org/nc-cant-reopen-without-child-care/>

Handouts

Closed Child Care Programs

April 2020



Short Session Advocacy

- Twitter Storm
- Targeted Districts – House Health Working Group & Senate HHS
 - CALLS and emails
 - Letters to the Editor
 - Op-eds
 - Social media
 - Share your story or collect stories from providers and parents
- Action Alert
 - Contact your state legislators:
 - <https://www.nearlyeducationcoalition.org/take-action/child-care-support-short-session/>



Post COVID-19 Session

- Likely to be a summer legislative session, once budget revenues are known.
- \$1.5 - \$2B shortfall
- Impact and Solutions
- Coalition's focus - recovering and rebuilding child care

“In the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity.”

- Albert Einstein

Child care deemed essential during COVID-19 crisis, what does it mean to be essential going forward?



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More Advocacy!



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CCSA COVID-19 Relief Fund



- Collaboration between CCSA and Smart Start
- Small grants to 3-star or higher child care centers and family child care homes
- Donate!
- Apply now: deadline is Friday, May 1st!

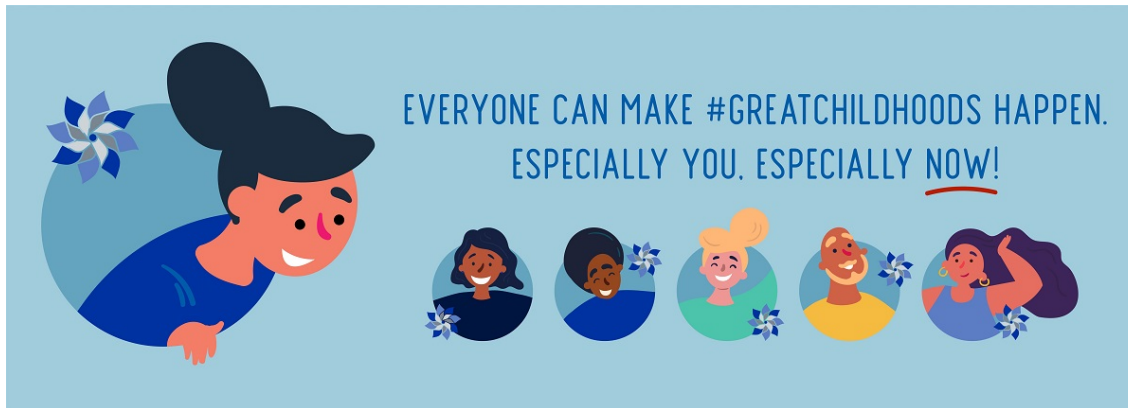
<https://www.childcareservices.org/ccsa-covid-19-relief-fund/>

Tuesdays for Tots

Tomorrow, April 28th:

Child Abuse Prevention Month 2020 Digital Advocacy Day

- Federal action alert, Congressional contact list, sample social media posts, and an email/phone script
- <https://preventchildabuse.org/digital-advocacy-day/>



Questions?



Thank you!

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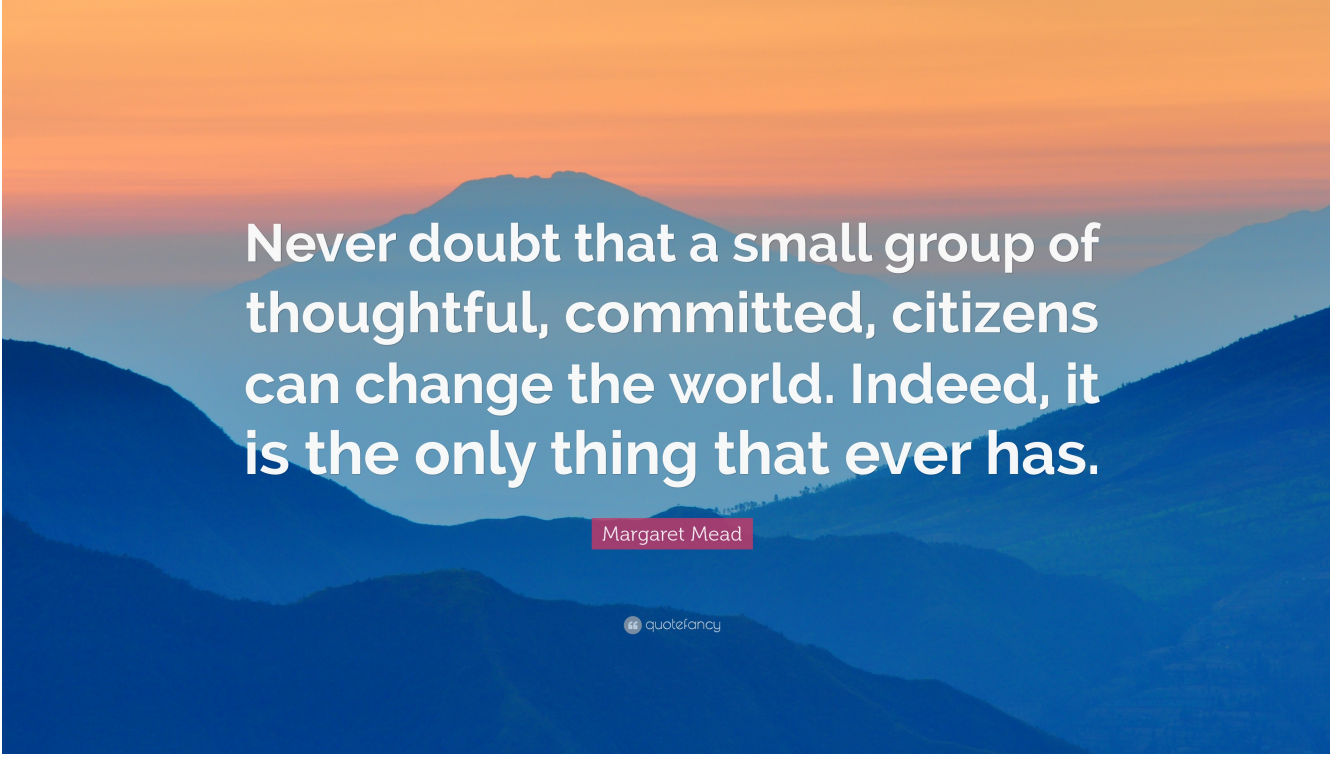
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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

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