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How Federal COVID-19 Response Bills can Support Afterschool Opportunities

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What we will cover:

- Why Advocacy and Policy now?
- Background & Timeline: Federal Policy Response to COVID-19
- Education funding
- School-age child care funding
- Nutrition assistance and meals for students
- Nonprofit/small business loans and support
- What's Next
- What you can do
- Q and A

Why Advocacy and Policy now?

- Need flexibility in current laws & regs at federal, state, & local levels
- Rethinking current programs to respond to current environment
- Longer-term planning - resources and funding needed



Background & Timeline: Federal Policy Response

- **1st bill: Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act**
 - \$8.3 billion for HHS; CDC; local and state health depts.; int'l assistance
 - Signed into law March 6th
- **2nd bill: H.R. 6201, Families First CoronaVirus Response Act**
 - Testing; Paid Sick Leave; additional child nutrition flexibility; healthcare worker protection; emergency unemployment insurance & more
 - Signed into law March 18
- **3rd bill: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (The CARES Act)**
 - Individual payments, corporate & small business/nonprofit relief, Education & more
 - Signed into law March 27



Federal Policy Response to COVID-19: Education

State Education Stabilization Fund	\$30.75 billion
- Emergency Relief funds for Higher Education	\$14.25 billion
- Elementary and Secondary School relief	\$13.5 Billion
- Governor's Discretionary Fund	\$3 billion

Federal Policy Response to COVID-19: Education

Within the Elementary and Secondary School Relief Fund:

- \$13.5 billion of this amount is set aside for K-12 education allocated to states
- State Education Agencies must distribute at least 90 percent of funds to school districts based on Title I formula
- Local educational agencies (LEAs) can work with partner organizations to address community needs
- Use of funds includes anything already in ESSA (includes 21st CCLC), IDEA, Perkins-CTE, McKinney Vento Homeless Youth Act
- Specific activities for this funding called out to address the pandemic include:
 - **Planning and implementing activities during the summer and afterschool**
 - Planning and coordinating meals
 - Online learning and other educational services incl. purchasing technology
 - Mental health support
- LEAs/school districts shall to the greatest extent practicable, continue to pay their employees and contractors
- States must continue maintenance of effort



Federal Policy Response to COVID-19: Education

Regulatory side:

Waivers Flexibility for ESSA – April 6th – 21st CCLC waiver to roll funds over to next year

- US Department of Education still working to issue official 21st CCLC guidance or FAQs
- 27 states and DC State Education Agencies have issued guidance
- Key state flexibility among the states that have issued guidance include:
 - Ensuring all employees can continue to be paid and basing program pay on enrollment rather than attendance
 - Defining allowable work to include on-line programming, virtual staff meetings and professional development, curriculum and lesson plan design and development, supporting meal distribution, providing student or parent social emotional and well-being supports and family education and engagement, such as information on resources to access during the emergency.
 - Some states have also reduced requirements on the number of program hours or number of students who must be served, provided an update on expectations for monitoring and extended deadlines for new grant applications and/or reporting submissions.



Child Care

- **Gold** – Programs closed with exceptions for essential workers
- **Blue** – programs are open
- **Pink** – Child Care Centers are closed altogether

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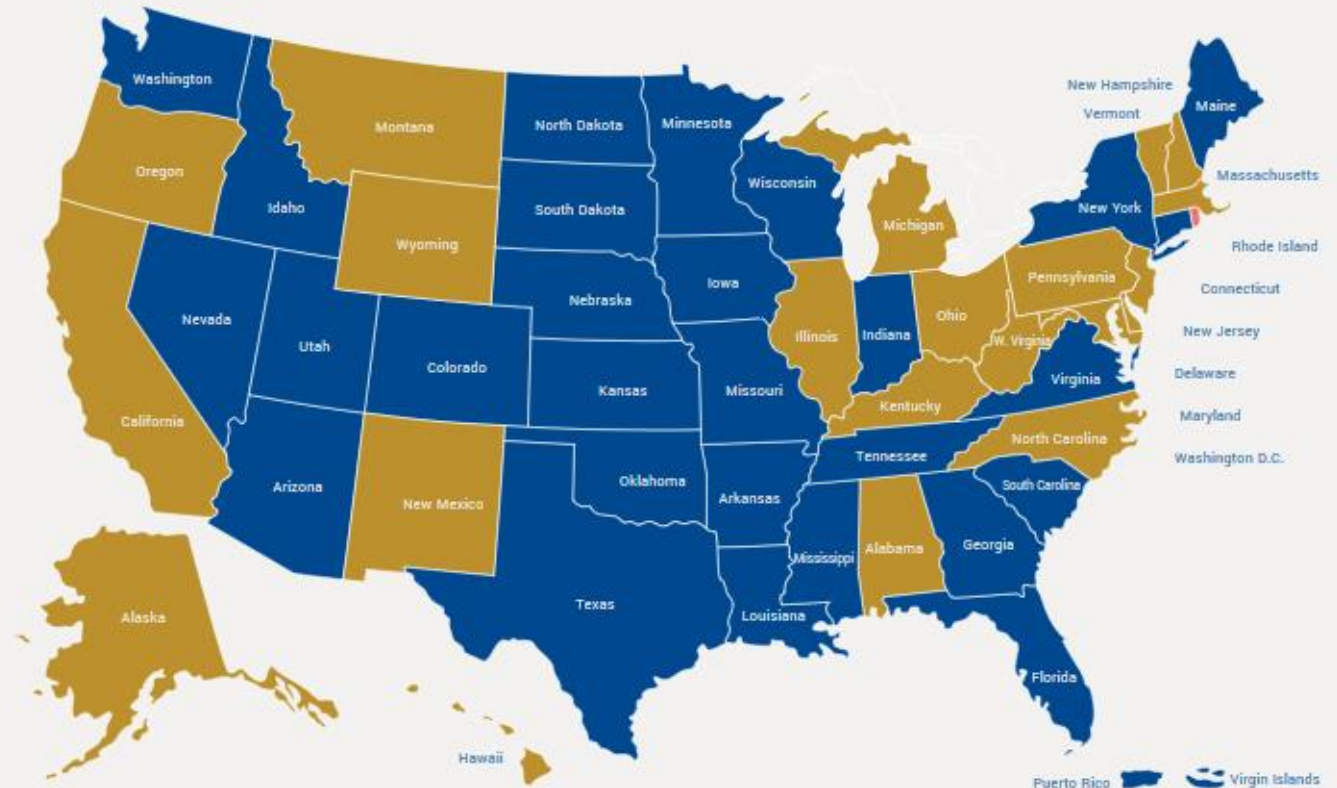
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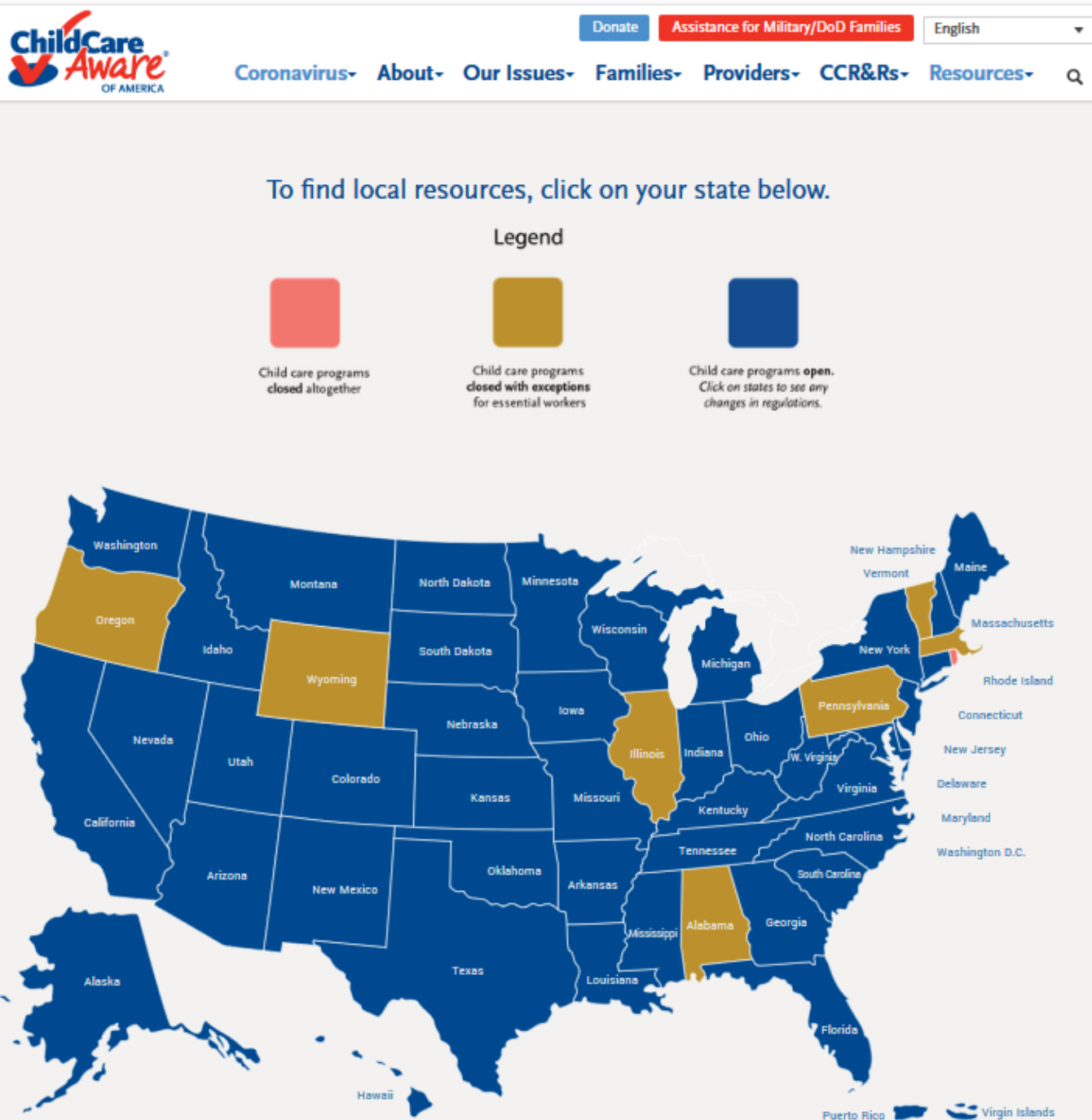
Child care programs open. Click on states to see any changes in regulations.



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When programs stay open

- CDC Guidance
 - Cleaning
 - Ratios, static groups of students
 - Temperature readings
 - Drop off and pick up
 - Hygiene
 - Food
 - At-risk staff
- State Guidance



<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/03/parenting/coronavirus-day-care.html>

Child Care

CARES Act - \$3.5 Billion

State	Estimated State Allocations with \$3.5 billion Increase for CCDBG ²
Alabama	\$ 63,181,375
Alaska	\$ 6,310,396
Arizona	\$ 86,008,975
Arkansas	\$ 40,346,445
California	\$ 339,325,475
Colorado	\$ 41,426,543
Connecticut	\$ 22,394,142
Delaware	\$ 9,366,445
District of Columbia	\$ 5,633,610
Florida	\$ 210,853,867
Georgia	\$ 140,725,963
Hawaii	\$ 11,749,536
Idaho	\$ 20,261,328
Illinois	\$ 115,107,667
Indiana	\$ 75,771,490
Iowa	\$ 30,564,476
Kansas	\$ 30,569,666
Kentucky	\$ 65,015,450

State	Estimated State Allocations with \$3.5 billion Increase for CCDBG ²
Louisiana	\$ 65,246,176
Maine	\$ 10,663,031
Maryland	\$ 44,154,446
Massachusetts	\$ 43,988,653
Michigan	\$ 96,106,377
Minnesota	\$ 46,271,864
Mississippi	\$ 46,220,891
Missouri	\$ 64,230,190
Montana	\$ 9,795,695
Nebraska	\$ 19,380,698
Nevada	\$ 31,295,538
New Hampshire	\$ 6,828,554
New Jersey	\$ 61,184,833
New Mexico	\$ 29,043,762
New York	\$ 151,791,456
North Carolina	\$ 114,373,132
North Dakota	\$ 5,993,636
Ohio	\$ 113,570,567

State	Estimated State Allocations with \$3.5 billion Increase for CCDBG ²
Oklahoma	\$ 49,562,856
Oregon	\$ 37,699,434
Pennsylvania	\$ 101,956,684
Rhode Island	\$ 7,959,013
South Carolina	\$ 61,565,083
South Dakota	\$ 8,737,977
Tennessee	\$ 79,182,569
Texas	\$ 364,311,520
Utah	\$ 38,978,645
Vermont	\$ 4,309,369
Virginia	\$ 66,859,189
Washington	\$ 56,813,048
West Virginia	\$ 22,124,505
Wisconsin	\$ 49,768,367
Wyoming	\$ 4,187,210
Total	\$ 3,500,000,000³



Child Care

Uses of funds

- Continued support child care providers during time of decreased enrollment or closures
- States encouraged to place conditions on payments to ensure providers continue to pay staff salaries
- Serve emergency care/essential workers
- Cleaning and sanitation



Child Care

Flexibility

- State CCDBG Plans do not have to be amended
- Funds are eligible to providers not receiving CCDBG funds before the emergency
- Essential workers (health care, emergency responders, sanitation, etc) child care assistance can be served disconnected from income eligibility requirements
- Payments can be obligated this fiscal year, or the next two fiscal year and can be used for expenses prior to the CARES act incurred in response to Coronavirus
- Flexibility in use of quality set aside





Serving Meals During COVID-19: Opportunities for Afterschool Programs

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Meal Program Options During School Closures

- Summer Food Service Program
 - *Becomes an option during unanticipated school closures*
- Child and Adult Care Food Program:
Afterschool Meal Program
 - *Can continue existing meal service*

USDA Nationwide Waiver Options



Non-Congregate Meals (SFSP & CACFP)



Meal Service Time & Meal Pattern Flexibilities



Afterschool Activity Waiver



Parent Pick-Up



Monitoring Requirements

What Else?

- If approved, programs can provide families with multiple days worth of meals at one time
- Programs may be approved to serve meals outside of area eligible locations (50%) – check with state agency
- Programs can work with other providers to combine meal services at one location
- Sites providing emergency child care services can serve meals

Emerging Best Practices



- Drive-thru and pick-up sites
- Partnerships
 - Schools
 - Food Banks
 - Partners with transportation services
 - Anti-hunger organizations
- Communication to Families
 - [USDA's Meals 4 Kids Map](#)
- Serving multiple days worth of meals

COVID-19 Resources



NEW! [FRAC's Guide to Ensuring Children Have Access to Nutrition During COVID-19](#)

[Resource: Pandemic EBT Update](#)

[FRAC's Map of Child Nutrition Guidance and Meal Sites by State](#)

[Summary of School Districts and Program Providers' Efforts to Serve Meals During School Closings](#)

[FRAC's Summary of Nationwide Waivers](#)

[COVID-19 FRAC Webinars](#)

<https://frac.org/COVID-19-updates>

Federal Policy Response to COVID-19: Nonprofits

- Charitable Giving Incentive: deduction for total charitable contributions to \$300
- Delay of Payroll Tax Remittance to 12/21 and 12/22
- Employee Retention program: for nonprofits that have closed; pause employees
- Paycheck Protection Program
 - Small loans for non-profits and small business to retain staff, cover expenses – forgiveness
- SBA Economic Injury Disaster loans – small business and extended to nonprofits
- Paid sick leave and FMLA leave
 - requires 10 days – government can reimburse



Federal Policy Response to COVID-19: CNCS

AmeriCorps and VISTA

- CARES Act includes provisions related to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)
- Provides participants serving in the National Service Corps programs (including AmeriCorps and VISTA) with the educational award they were due to receive
- Extends the age limits and the terms of service to allow individuals serving in national service programs to continue participating in programs after the COVID-19 declaration of disaster ends



What's Next?

Fourth COVID-19 relief bill being drafted now

Could be technical fixes and supplemental changes

Could address safety standards for essential employees

Could include large investment in infrastructure

Afterschool/Youth program needs?

- \$500 million immediate 21st CCLC funds to meet summer learning demand and address learning loss
- Emergency relief for non-profits/youth serving orgs
- Funds for school construction to include facilities for community centers
- Workforce skills support for OST
- Additional meals flexibility (ie. third meal in summer)
- Support for professional development around trauma informed care and SEL



What You Can Do: COVID-19 Pandemic

- Action alert you can customize here and email to Congress:
<https://afterschoolalliance.rallycongress.net/ctas/contact-congress-covid-19-impact-on-afterschool>
- Discuss possible long-term impacts and needs
 - Reimbursements; staff leave/payment
- Ongoing communication with your Reps./Senators – keep them posted
- Share the current situation in your state or community: school closures; programs closures
 - Are afterschool programs staying open to care for children of essential workers?
 - Is virtual programming being offered?
 - Are programs providing meals to students?



How can we help?

Reach out to us!



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