

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY HEROES

San Diego unites to provide critical supplies for childcare providers

As San Diego confronts the COVID-19 pandemic, thousands of child care providers remain willing to care for the children of essential workers. These providers face unprecedented challenges in running their business during this public health emergency:

- Increased demands on time and resources to adopt new standards that maintain health and safety for children and their families.
- Reduced revenues due to temporary group size restrictions and other barriers to attendance.
- Inability find and purchase needed supplies from typical sources, with empty shelves or purchase limits forcing many to return home without their needs met.



Childcare providers voiced their concerns, and we listened.

A cross-sector coalition mobilized quickly to provide cleaning and sanitation kits at no cost to providers.

When providers have what they need to operate safely, they can maintain their businesses and care for the children of essential workers protecting our community.

As of June 27, 2020, we accomplished the following:



7 distribution locations throughout San Diego County



1,500+ kits distributed



Up to 10,705 children to benefit from access to supplies



Partners: Cameron Family YMCA, The Chicano Federation, Children's Paradise, Inc., Copley-Price Family YMCA, First 5 San Diego, Kids on the Go, Palomar Family YMCA, San Diego for Every Child, United Domestic Workers of America, UDW/AFSCME Local 3930, and YMCA Childcare Resource Service.

Funded by: California Department of Education, First 5 CA, and Bank of America. YMCA Childcare Resource Service continues to distribute supplies and funding through the Cleaning and Supplies for Childcare Providers Grant and other sources as available.

"Thank you, the pickup was so organized and efficient. I hope more providers will be able to receive much-needed supplies soon." – Lori Borne, family child care provider



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