

## ADDITIONAL COVID-19 SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FROM KIDANGO

In reaction to the current COVID-19 pandemic, Kidango has created resources for the children and families it serves, as well as the organization's staff. Learn more about Kidango's efforts to support its community during this challenging time.

### [Kidango Essentials: COVID-19 Support & Resources](#)

During the first week of closure, Kidango called all of its families to determine how we can best meet their needs. Families' top needs were: support in submitting unemployment paperwork; and basic food, cleaning, and other supplies, such as diapers and formula. Only 60 out of 3,000 families replied that they wanted childcare. In response, Kidango is doing the following:



- Over 2,000 nutritious and delicious grab and go meals a day are served to our families throughout the Bay Area.
- In addition to meals, basic food supplies, diapers, formula, wipes and cleaning supplies, toys and games, and other essentials are provided.
- For all families and staff, Kidango has established an emotional support line staffed by its team of mental health clinicians who provide this service in four different languages.
- Kidango continues to call each family at least once a week to best meet their needs and has compiled a list of links on its website.

### [Kidango@Home](#)

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, Kidango has created Kidango@Home to support its families in bringing their children's classroom experience to life at home. Learn@Home kits and online resources provide parents with the tools to play together, read together, and learn together while maintaining physical and mental health. This experience includes:



- Virtual circle time in multiple languages;
- Online resources to fun learning activities aligned with Kidango's curriculum;
- Learn@Home kits delivered to family homes containing books, games, art materials, math and language materials, a stuffed animal, and more, all linked to Kidango's curriculum and aligned with virtual circle times and other virtual experiences;
- Virtual home visits with early intervention, mental health, and family advocate staff.

### Kidango Shares: Building an Online Community for Staff

Kidango is a family of 600 people who have formed meaningful relationships with each other as well as children and families that bring joy, learning, and compassion to everyone's lives. Shelter-in-place has disrupted this and many people feel a loss of connection and support. In addition to the emotional support line mentioned above, *Kidango Shares* is a virtual community for staff to stay connected. Experiences include:

- Coffee with the Chiefs: Zoom meetings with Kidango's top leadership;
- Mindfulness meetings: twice a week mindfulness exercises that include meditation, yoga, and visualization.
- Kidango Talent Shares: a Facebook closed community where Kidango staff share performance art such as music, poetry, photography, and dance.
- Online professional development activities, such as Circle Time Magazine by the University of Washington.



### Other Teacher Resources

[Fresno TK Teaching Resources](#): a new website created by Fresno Unified School District TK teachers with an extensive collection of TK resources for young students during this unprecedented time.

[LAUSD Resources during School Closure](#): a collection of resources for teachers and families during the COVID-19 school closure.

[Early Edge California's Distance Learning Resources for Dual Language Learners](#): information, resources, and activities for families with young dual language learners (DLLs).

[Early Edge California's Coronavirus Resources for Teachers and Providers](#): information, resources, and activities to support teachers and providers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For questions about Kidango's emergency childcare centers, please contact Mario Fierro-Hernandez at [Mfhernandez@kidango.org](mailto:Mfhernandez@kidango.org).

Visit [Kidango](#) and [Early Edge California](#) to learn more about the work these organizations are doing.