

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.

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