



## **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act**

The California Department of Education (CDE) shared the following message on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care (OCC).

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was enacted. The CARES Act provides \$3.5 billion and various flexibilities for state, territory, and tribal lead agencies to operate their Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency and to ensure the supply of childcare after the emergency subsidies.

The CARES Act includes additional provisions that, although not specific to childcare, address the needs of childcare providers and childcare workers, as does the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (“Families First Act”), which was enacted on March 18, 2020. State, territory, and tribal governments now face the complexities of blending COVID-19 funding programs across multiple agencies to best support children, families, and childcare providers. To aid with these decisions, the OCC has prepared guidance listing the funding programs outside of the CCDF program that affect childcare providers and staff. The information can be accessed, along with updates reflecting ongoing legislation, on the OCC COVID-19 Legislation Guide for CCDF Administrators web page at [COVID-19 Legislation Guide for CCDF Administrators](#).