

Camden & Monmouth County Family Child Care Alliance

## Top Tips Tuesday Tips 4 You!!



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To support your business

 Apply for NJ's Child Care Stabilization Grant Today!

Did U Know? The NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (DFD) is helping registered family child



care providers meet the costs of providing child care during the current public health pandemic. The funds are from the American Rescue Plan passed by Congress and are intended to support **all** registered family child care providers and licensed centers.

Registered family child care providers can receive \$4,000 to help support their child care businesses. Grants will be sent in two installments (one payment each of \$2,000). Have you applied yet? This is a noncompetitive grant, which means it's open to all registered providers as long as they were registered by March 11, 2021.

Have you applied yet? The deadline for stabilization grant applications is April 30! If you need any help or

### **Tools You Can Use!**



Online Family Child Care Toolkit Resources

### **Business Tools**

- Family Child Care Online Toolkit - All the resources you need to support your business!
- Family Child Care
   Business Support
   Web Page
   (Monmouth and
   Camden)
- MyKidzDay App
   Questions
   (Reminder: The
   MyKidzDay app is free
   for FCC alliance
   members in Camden
   and Monmouth County).

### **Templates**

- Monthly FCC
   Provider Time
   Tracker Template
- Monthly Expense

guidance to fill out the online application, we can help you! If you would like to set up an appointment to come into our offices, we are glad to do so! Or, we can help you through zoom or a phone call!

### Steps to apply:

- 1. Go to the NJCCIS website.
- Log in. If you do not know your password, click "forgot password" and you will receive an email to reset the password to whatever you want. Then log in!
- 3. Click Provider at the top
- 4. Under Quicklinks, Click Grants
- 5. Scroll down for the stabilization grant. Click apply.

Or, contact the any of the following staff in Camden and Monmouth County and we can help you!

### **Camden County, Department of Children's Services**

- Joanne Prince at joanne.prince@camdencounty.com
- Alyssa Lego at alyssa.lego@camdencounty.com
- Ester Falcone at ester.falcone@camdencounty.com

### **Monmouth County at Child Care Resources**

- Dan Bartkewicz at <a href="mailto:dbartkewicz@ccrnj.org">dbartkewicz@ccrnj.org</a>
- Dina Patel at <u>dpatel@ccrnj.org</u>
- Keithlyn Smith-Urfer at <u>ksmith@ccrnj.org</u>

To learn more about the NJ Child Care Stabilization Grants, see this <u>web page</u>.

### Re-opening of the \$1,000 Hiring and Retention Bonus grant!

DFD is offering another grant opportunity for registered or licensed child care providers. This grant is worth \$1,000. The grant is available for all registered family child care providers- regardless of the date when they became registered!

### Basic criteria for the \$1,000 Hiring and Retention grant:

- You must be a registered Family Child Care provider;
- in compliance with NJ's health and safety requirements for registration;
- earn \$50,000 or less a year;
- open and operating at the time of application;
- have children enrolled; and
- did not receive the initial \$1,000 bonus (that was available in November to January).
- Registered family child care providers or child care center staff who already received \$1,000 are NOT eligible for a second \$1,000 at this time. DFD will be launching a second phase of these grants in the fall/winter 2022.

### Steps to apply:

1. Go to the NJCCIS website.

LogMonthlyAttendance, Fees

and Meal Log

- Monthly Meals Log (Sample IRS)
- <u>COVID Expense</u> <u>Tracker</u>

#### Tax Resources

- Understanding the Time-Space
   Percentage Used to Claim Business
   Expenses on Your Tax Forms (A one page explainer)
- IRS Form 8829:
   <u>Understanding</u>

   <u>Expense</u>
   <u>Deductions for the</u>
   <u>Business Use of</u>
   <u>Your Home</u> (A one page explainer)
- IRS Schedule C:
   Understanding
   Business
   Deductions Using
   Schedule C for
   Sole Proprietors
   (Profit or Loss
   Business IRS form,
   a one page
   explainer)

### **Reading Resources**

- Record-Keeping for Family Child Care (An Overview)
- Family Child Care Providers -- Basic Deductions to Lower Your Taxes (An Overview)

### **Health Care Coverage**

- Child Care Aware of New Jersey's <u>Health Care</u> <u>Coverage One</u> Pager
- Get Covered New Jersey! Web site
- Get Free Help in Answering Any Questions about Health Plans and Costs
- Frequently Asked

2. Log in. If you do not know your password, click "forgot password" and you will receive an email to reset the password to whatever you want. Then log in!

- 3. Click Provider at the top
- 4. Under Quicklinks, Click Grants
- 5. Scroll down for the Hiring and Retention Bonus grant. Click apply.

YES, YOU CAN APPLY FOR BOTH GRANTS!! – the Child Care Stabilization Grant and the \$1,000 Hiring and Retention Bonus Grant. The deadline for applying for the Hiring and Retention grant is Friday, May 6.

To learn more about the NJ \$1,000 Hiring and Retention Grants, see this web page.

### **Other Resources**

- Tom Copeland: Should You Apply for Your State's Stabilization Grant? Yes!
- Tom Copeland: Questions and Answers About the Child Care Stabilization Grant
- Family Child Care Home Business Support Page (<u>Camden</u> and <u>Monmouth</u>)
- Tuesday Tips emails, located at the bottom of the FCC Business Support page (<u>Camden</u> and <u>Monmouth</u>)
- Summer Family Child Care Home Child Development Trainings (<u>Camden</u> and <u>Monmouth</u>)
- Sesame Street in Communities (<u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>)
- USDA MyPlate Recipes
- CDC Child Care Guidance (<u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>)

### Got a Question? Ask Us!!

While family child care providers participating in the family child care alliance will meet through zoom once per month, we know that questions could arise at any time during the month.

If you have a question or a suggested topic that we can answer in our **"Top Tips on Tuesdays"**, please email Dan Bartkewicz at **dbartkewicz@ccrnj.org**. We'll have someone on our team either respond or research the answer for you.

Ask away! We're here to help!

The FCC Alliance Team at Child Care Resources and Camden County Department of Children's Services.

**Questions** (FAQs)





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**Department of Children's Services**