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**CDA Joins San Diego for Every Child in Child Care Relief Fund for COVID-19 Support**

Bonita, CA, March 26, 2020 – Today, Child Development Associates (CDA) joins San Diego for Every Child (SDFEC) to announce a new funding available to help San Diego essential workers, low-income families, and licensed child care providers impacted by the coronavirus, COVID-19, through a grant program under The San Diego COVID-19 Children’s Fund.

As the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the state of California, shelter-in-place mandates have closed schools and child care businesses across San Diego County. Emergency service sector employees, who are critical to our health and safety at this time, and families, many already struggling to make ends meet, are unable to access reliable child care services. The fund, facilitated through Jewish Family Services, brings together CDA and the YMCA Childcare Resource Service’s expertise on subsidized child care to administer financial micro-grants to support families and keep child care businesses open. Micro-grants up to \$575 will be awarded to eligible families and child care providers to support with urgent needs such as food assistance, child care services, cleaning supplies, and diapers.

"This is a tremendous example of our local philanthropic community recognizing the immediate need to support vulnerable families and to lift up our child care providers in recognition of their critical role supporting working parents on the front lines." said CDA President and CEO, Rick Richardson. "We will continue working together in response to the urgent needs facing San Diego's vulnerable children and supporting essential workers who are keeping our community going."

The San Diego COVID-19 Children’s Fund is expected to expand with additional donations in the coming weeks. Tax-deductible donations of any size are welcome to the San Diego COVID-19 Children’s Fund at [www.sandiegoforeverychild/covid19](http://www.sandiegoforeverychild/covid19).

**About Child Development Associates:**

Child Development Associates (CDA) is a community based, non-profit agency that has been providing child care and development services throughout San Diego County since 1974. At CDA, we believe in creating opportunities for families to prosper. Every day, we provide low income families access to high-quality early education so children can better succeed in school and life, affordable child care so parents can work or complete their education, and nutritious meals so children grow healthy bodies. For more information, visit [cdasd.org](http://cdasd.org).

**About San Diego for Every Child:**

San Diego for Every Child is a coalition dedicated to cutting the experience of childhood poverty by 50% by 2030. Our mission is to create a San Diego County where every child has their basic needs met by ensuring all children in our region have nutritious food to eat, live in stable housing, receive adequate healthcare, and have access to quality childcare and education. For more information, visit [sandiegoforeverychild.org](http://sandiegoforeverychild.org).

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