

COVID-19: What we know today

DSP Employment Connections BCI process change

For those of you who participate in Licking County's DSP Employment Connections, please remember when you have a potential applicant who needs BCI/Drug testing you MUST call Brandi at 740.644.0344. Brandi will make arrangements from there. We run the risk of losing the ability to have our BCI checks completed if we don't comply with the provider-specified procedures.

Child Day Care

Since DSPs are classified as "essential workers" they are able to access child care. There are links below to find locations. It looks like there are 10 or more in the Newark area. (I included this "eligible list" because it's good to see others are recognizing how indispensable DSP's are!)

Child Care Essential List for Pandemic Child Care: Now through Tuesday, March 24, 2020: the following professionals without alternate care must be prioritized for enrollment:

1. Hospital and clinic staff
2. Dentists
3. Pharmacy staff
4. Nursing home, elder care, and home health care workers
5. Psychologists
6. Psychiatrists
7. Mental health counselors
8. Developmental disability aides
9. First responders (police, fire & EMT)
10. Direct service workers (child care, children services, public assistance and adult protective services)

After Tuesday, March 24, 2020: Enrollment of all other essential staff.

Providers Approved for Pandemic Child Care (updated frequently)

[Centers Approved for Pandemic Child Care - Updated March 24, 2020 PM](#)

[Family Child Care Homes Approved for Pandemic Child Care – Updated March 24, 2020 PM](#)

Parents should complete the following forms and give to their licensed pandemic child care provider:

[Child Enrollment and Health Information for Child Care - JFS 01234](#)

[Pandemic Child Care Center Enrollment Addendum - JFS 01259](#)

Economic Injury Disaster Loan program

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved the Ohio's request to allow small businesses and nonprofits in Ohio to apply for low-interest, long-term loans of up to \$2 million through the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loans may be used by Ohio small business owners and nonprofits to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75 percent for small businesses without credit available elsewhere; businesses with credit available elsewhere are not eligible. The interest rate for nonprofits is 2.75 percent.

To keep payments affordable, the loans are long term, with up to 30 years for repayment. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based on each borrower's ability to repay.

Applying for the SBA loan:

Loan applications can be completed online at disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/ or applicants can obtain a paper application by calling 1-800-659-2955. Online submissions are recommended.

Once an application has been submitted, the SBA will review the information and determine eligibility.

Once the SBA approves an applicant's submission, they will close on the loan and the cash will be deposited into the applicant's account.

To expedite the application process, applicants should have the following documents ready: complete copies of their most recent federal income tax return and a completed and signed [IRS Form 4506T](#), a schedule of liabilities, personal financial statement, monthly sales figures, a current year-to-date profit-and-loss statement, and a year-end profit-and-loss statement and balance sheet for that tax year if the most recent federal income tax return has not been filed. For more information about the loan program, visit SBA.gov/Disaster.

Any small businesses and nonprofits impacted by the ongoing health crisis are encouraged to contact the Development Services Agency at BusinessHelp@Development.Ohio.Gov for more information.

Mass Lay-Off unemployment form

[Here is a link to a form](#) from the ODJFS for staff to use to apply for unemployment caused by COVID-19-related issues.

DODD Certifications extended

The Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) extended provider certifications due in March, April, or May 2020 for 90 days. See their [guidance on certification extensions](#) for additional information.