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Greetings Renu Hope Foundation Team!

I hope this finds you and yours well. In our efforts to keep you informed of current developments related to the COVID-19 and guidance provided to our agency regarding re-opening, I am presenting you with our current program status and how this will affect our children, families and staff.

As some of you may have heard either through the local news, social media and/or written communication from a local education agency, the message has been 'more than likely schools will be re-opening'. However, prior to determination *of when* (a rolling start or staggered schedules), *which* (site/classroom), *for whom* (age group needing services), *how* (how feasible is it to serve children and meet social distancing mandates and face covering requirements) and *what* (what measures must be taken and how feasible is re-opening at a particular site to ensure the health, safety and welfare of children, families and staff), our management Team must conduct **a program assessment of the 'when, where, who, what and how'**.

Our Management Team is in the process of conducting an assessment of what the child care needs will be through weekly Family Engagement activities of parent one on one contacts from our Family Engagement Team: Family Services and Site Supervisors; distributing online Survey Monkeys asking if child care is needed, on which days and hours of need, as well as if they wish to elect to NOT have children in a group setting at this time but will continue our distance early learning and family engagement; and sending letters.

As per the recent public address from Tony Thurngood State Superintendent of Public Instruction, "as we more than likely re-open schools, the plan for re-opening is not a one size fits all". The California Department of Education has published guidelines entitled "Stronger Together A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California's Public Schools" and the publication "COVID 19 Updated Guidance: Child Care Programs and Providers (June 5, 2020), the collaboration project between California Public Health, CAL-OSHA, Community Care Licensing Division and California Department of Education. Early Learning and Care Division to assist Early Learning Care programs and Child Care Providers in developing policies and procedures for safe reopening of centers. Before we officially reopen our Board of Directors and Management Team will develop these policies and procedures, field test (at one center) the implementation of these new guidelines to ensure they are feasible and practical with the number one priority of protection of the safety, health and welfare of all under our care. Once we field test the new model "Conscientious Child Care Countering COVID" and implementing Moreno Valley Unified School District's motto "Stay in your place...cover your face...be safe..." and the practices and policies prove to be feasible we will reopen additional sites accordingly. Prior to reopening staff assigned to work must be trained and issued the personal protective equipment that is recommended by these guidelines.

Our goal is to identify (a) for each site what families need child care, (b) what are the ages of the children and are their siblings, and (c) what are the days/hours of need; and (d) how many families prefer the distance early learning and ongoing Family Engagement services. This information will be the determining factors as to which sites will be reopened and when.

With the requirements of social distancing of 6 feet at all times (for children, staff and other adults) the reality is not all families will receive on site childcare services. We are exploring options of a combination model of onsite childcare services and remote/distance early learning and family engagement for some families, a part days/part week model and in some cases 100% online distance family engagement/individual child learning activity model. We have field tested the online distance model and continue to do so with almost 90% of families (estimated 450 families by our agency and our partner agency).

Please be reminded all of our centers are CLOSED but operational through distance Family Engagement, Child Individual Learning Activities support through our Family Engagement Team and online Staff Training until JUNE 30, 2020. Until further notice we remain CLOSED for face to face, on site services until June 30, 2020.

To determine our Staffing availability to support on site services when we schedule re-opening of the sites. Please be advised, an email will be sent to your last provided address requesting you to complete the "ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF NOTIFICATION TO RETURN TO WORK" on or by June 15th, 2020. The "ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION TO RETURN TO ASSIGNED WORK" must be returned via email on or by June 19, 2020.

Please continue to check our website www.renuhope.org and your email for updated information. Please remember to look for an email regarding your Notification to Return to Work and your requirement of a response via email by June 19, 2020.

We hope each of you and yours remain well and safe. Please remember that individually we can and collectively we will!

Sincerely,



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