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Help us update the 2019 National Survey of Early Care and Education to reflect the impact of COVID 19 on child care in your community!

Dear Early Care and Education Colleague:

NORC at the University of Chicago is currently conducting the “National Survey of Early Care and Education (NSECE) 2019 COVID-19 Follow-up Study,” which is sponsored by the U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). I am writing to share some information with the early care and education community about why this study is so important and to ask for your support.

Your responses to the NSECE 2019 COVID-19 Follow-up Study will be critical as we move forward with proposals, guidance, and technical assistance to address the impact the coronavirus pandemic has had on child care across the country. Previous survey data has been useful in telling the story of child care prior to the pandemic, but updated data are needed to understand the impact of COVID-19 on child care supply and quality, as well as how current relief and assistance programs have helped the field.

NORC has sent mailings to selected providers throughout the country requesting participation in the study. NORC field interviewers will be following up by phone to answer questions. To ensure everyone’s safety, the survey may be completed online or over the phone; there will be no in-person contact.

You may also contact the NSECE project team at nsece-prov@norc.org or the Federal Project Officer, Ivelisse Martinez-Beck at the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S Department of Health and Human Services, at (202) 690-7885 or ivelisse.martinezbeck@acf.hhs.gov.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important study.

Sincerely,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Early Childhood Development
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Administration for Children and Families



More information about the NSECE is available at <http://nsece.norc.org>. Data from the 2019 NSECE are now being released with additional findings to come in the next several months. You will be able to access study findings online at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/research/project/national-survey-of-early-care-and-education-2019>. There you will find information reports and fact sheets about the characteristics of the supply of early care and education in 2019, including 121,000 center-based programs, 1.3 million teachers and caregivers working with young children in those programs, and approximately 1 million paid and 4 million unpaid individuals who regularly care for other people's children in homes.