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During this time of transitioning to reopen our society and economy, there are many additional needs of young children, childcare providers and families that are critical for their well-being. The Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration is pleased to offer support through the Division of Mental Health Services to Children and Families', to assist in addressing these needs. A *Child Care Provider Toolkit* has been created to offer a variety of resources to support adults caring for young children in the childcare environment.

Michigan's Social Emotional Consultation service is provided by ten full time Consultants covering 18 counties throughout the state. We recognize that the ongoing needs of childcare providers and families with children birth through five years old far exceed the capacity of the Social Emotional Consultants currently. However, the Consultants can provide additional creative supports during this critical time of transition, including the creation of this Toolkit.

This *Child Care Provider Toolkit* includes the following items:

- Letter to childcare providers
- 10 social media posts with images, inclusive of #ConnectedCaregiving
- A 2-minute video clip "*Connected Caregiving Through a Pandemic*"
- A 26-minute webinar "*Back to Business as Usual? Connected Caregiving Through a Pandemic*"
 - PowerPoint presentation with narration including an addendum with additional resources
 - printable appreciation cards
- "Office Hours for Child Care Providers" will be facilitated by a Social Emotional Consultant. Information on the "Office Hours" is included within the PowerPoint and webinar.

The content of this Toolkit, as described above will be available on the Early Childhood Investment Corporation website <https://www.ecic4kids.org/> with a direct link from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services website, <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>.

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