

April 21, 2020

Dear Friends,

Community Teamwork continues to serve the community during this pandemic. We are so proud of our staff who is working tirelessly in our community, especially the staff of our **Child and Family Services Program**, who provide services for over 1400 children and families in our area.

Child and Family Services Update

We stopped services on March 23rd at our Center-based and traditional centers, however, that was the day we began outreach to our families remotely and continue to touch base with them two to three times a week to make sure they are ok and getting the services they need.

Many of our families do not have access to transportation so to meet those needs, we redeployed our transportation staff and began meal deliveries immediately. We now supply more than 800 meals five days a week. We are also supplying wipes, diapers and formula, and with the help of **Catie's Closet**, we are now supplying toiletries - door-to-door.

We are reviewing what we can do to help the homeless and hard-to-reach families - and making this a top priority.

Regarding the educational component - We are first and foremost ensuring the basic needs are met, and we have started a remote learning page on

FaceBook: [CTI- RemoteLearning](#) (Private Group)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/535542737097288/>

We have ordered iPads for all of our children - including School Age and children in Shelters and we are carrying out assessments on all the technology needs of all of our children. We are examining how we will take the positive affects of technology and remote learning going forward. We want to make sure that all available technology is equitable for all children.

We are establishing a HOMEWORK HOTLINE this week to help with tutoring children and helping parents. We want to make sure the foundational structures are there for all families and that resources are accessible and equitable to all.

This summer we are already planning and preparing for the IDP and special needs programming needs of our children and are focusing on the plans for our Early Head Start, Head Start, and Center Based programs, for children aged 0 through school age, to take place in a small sized group setting.

Lastly, we are widening our availability to families with lower incomes and their accessibility to our programs.

We know that many, many in our communities are in need and we are continuously fielding calls and emails during this time of crisis. We continue to work both remotely and onsite (by appointment only), as we monitor our shelters 24/7 and our **Resource Center, 8:30am - 4pm each day.**

If you or someone you knows needs assistance of any kind, Please contact us at the number and email below:

General Hotline 978-654-5607
Email CovidResponseCTI@commteam.org

While we are all operating in a new world these days, please know Community Teamwork is here for you to help in any way we can.

Please also check our website frequently for updates at www.commteam.org/covid-19-Emergency-Response

We wish you continued health and peace,



Karen Frederick, CEO

If you find yourself in a position to help, your contribution will aid our efforts on every front as we work together to defeat COVID-19, care for our clients and families in their hour of greatest need, and emerge stronger than ever.

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<https://www.facebook.com/growatcti>

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Teamwork <https://www.facebook.com/CTIYBGL>

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Lowell WIC at Community Teamwork

<https://www.facebook.com/CTILowellWIC>

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