



# FRANKLIN COUNTY WA

## **FRANKLIN COUNTY C.A.R.E.S. ACT CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners are pleased to announce a new grant program targeting Childcare providers in Franklin County. The Commissioners have authorized up to five hundred thousand (\$500,000) in direct grants to be issued to providers who are currently open and providing care to children. Funding is provided through the Coronavirus aid, relief and economic security act.

The Franklin County Childcare Assistance Grant offers funding support to childcare providers attempting to operate under the current Safe Start Washington Program. The County believes that provision of adequate childcare is fundamental to the reopening of our schools, businesses and the local economy. While the County recognizes the need in the community is more than just monetary, and there are insufficient resources to mitigate all of the damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are hopeful that these grants may provide at least some measure of support as providers operate under these considerably different circumstances.

Eligibility requirements and application materials can be found on the Franklin County website [www.co.franklin.wa.us](http://www.co.franklin.wa.us). All providers operating in Franklin County meeting the criteria will be considered for funding. The County is providing grant funds on a first come, first served basis. Once the funding has been exhausted no additional grants will be offered under this program.