



Child Care Center Manual Procedure Letter No. 35
Family Child Care Manual Procedure Letter No. 27

TO: All Child Care Center Manual Holders
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SUBJECT: Hero Pay: Child Care Centers, Type A Homes, and Type B Homes

Background:

In December 2020, Congress passed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021. The Act provided Ohio with funding to help support the child care workforce. On May 17, 2021, Governor Mike DeWine signed Senate Bill 109 of the 134th General Assembly allowing for the appropriation of these funds to verified early childhood professionals. As a result, the following payment framework has been established.

Support:

Early childhood professionals who worked in an eligible role at a child care center, type A home or type B home licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) may be eligible to receive Hero Pay. Eligible individuals will receive \$300.00 for each of the following quarters when the individual has worked in the program for the entire quarter, excluding gaps of less than 10 days.

Quarter 1	October 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020
Quarter 2	January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021
Quarter 3	April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021
Quarter 4	July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

Payments will be issued through the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) to eligible individuals with the following profiles:

Administrator on JFS License	Individual Service Provider Not Used in Ratio
Assistant Teacher	Individual Service Provider Used in Ratio
Cook	Lead Teacher
Driver	Owner
Extracurricular Not Used in Ratio	Program Management Not Used in Ratio
Extracurricular Used in Ratio	Program Management Used in Ratio
Floater	Substitute

To receive this funding, individuals must log into their OPR Profile, click on the Hero Pay tab, and complete information in the secure Payment Portal. Hero Pay Quarter 1 payments for eligible individuals will begin in mid-July 2021. This funding does not count as income toward any public assistance eligibility.

Hero Pay guidance and frequently asked questions can be found on the [OCCRRA](#) website. Questions can also be submitted through the [OCCRRA](#) website.