



After carefully weighing our options and responsibility to our staff and the children and families that we serve, we are taking the following actions **effective March 16, 2020 and until further notice:**

Employees

- We will be following NC Department of Health and Human Services recommendation to use teleworking technologies to the greatest extent possible. Office phones will be forwarded to BRPFC Administrative Assistant, and all staff will be available via email and phone.
- We have made arrangements to check mail, make check deposits and cut checks with no disruption of payments from the Agency.

Service Delivery to Child Care Providers, Families and Children:

- All non-essential professional development trainings scheduled through April 30 are cancelled or postponed.
- In-person Technical Assistance staff visits to child care facilities are cancelled until further of notice. Any direct technical assistance and training to child care personnel will be provided by phone and email only.
- Play & Learn group meetings will be discontinued, with information and activities for families being shared electronically.

Meetings

- All non-essential BRPFC hosted meetings and events for the next 30-45 days will be virtualized, rescheduled, or cancelled.

Events

- BLOCKFest previously scheduled for Yancey County in March has been postponed.
- ChildFest previously scheduled for May has been postponed due the large amount of pre-planning necessary for a smooth-running event.
- AMY Wee Trade Children's Consignment Sale scheduled in March has been postponed.

We hope to re-schedule these events at a time in the future.

We will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation in our community and provide updates as needed. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Executive Director Jennifer Simpson at director@brpartnershipforchildren.org if you have questions. Thank you as we work together to protect the health of our community.