
PARENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

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CHILD CARE ~CLOSED FOR DURATION OF 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

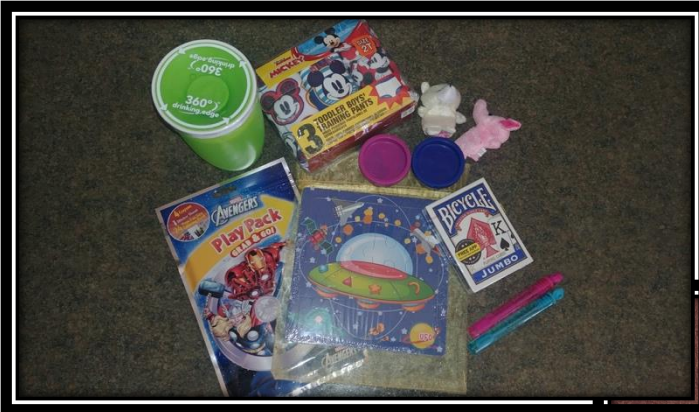
Life will forever be “before COVID-19” and “after COVID-19.” Before, childcare was hyper-aware of transmittable illnesses. The staff was diligent in hand-washing, sanitizing toys, disinfecting surfaces, and making sure the babies didn’t lick each other. That was normal for us because we knew kids liked to share every day germs like the common cold, hand foot mouth, that sort of thing. We did daily health checks to look for signs of illness, such as fever or rash; we even had protocol in place for sending children home if diarrhea or vomiting was a concern for possible contagion.

The weeks leading up to the closure, we heightened our awareness, and became even more diligent. And before we knew it, school was closed. Our classrooms left deserted, the toys still drying from the daily dunk in the bleach bucket. When we return this fall, there may still be leprechauns on the walls, chasing their pots of gold over the children’s rainbows.

Whenever “after COVID-19” becomes a reality, I imagine we will continue to operate as we did “before COVID-19” with a heightened awareness of health and safety. It will be difficult to go back to the carefree nature of child’s play; we will have to learn how to teach children to interact, without physical interaction, and how to share, without really sharing.

In the meantime, the childcare staff have expressed that they sincerely miss their littles and look forward to figuring out how to come back together again in the fall. Some of the littles will graduate, along with their teen mamas, some of the littles will graduate to the 4-year-old program, and some will return to our care. Change is inevitable; our amazing staff will pull together for the little’s health and well-being.

TEEN PARENT PROGRAM~OPERATING ONLINE/SOCIAL DISTANCING



At the beginning of the school closure in March, PCOP staff was able to put together care packages consisting of children's books donated by Hopa Mountain, diapers, wipes, other baby essentials, and hygiene items for the mothers. Some teen moms also requested food care packages so those were provided through the BHS Food Pantry. Special thanks to Jerelyn Gobert and Bristen Belcourt for volunteering to put these packages together for delivery, Jimi Champ for and Tristan BirdRattler for transporting effort made possible by some truly won



The BPS Teen Parent Program continues to go strong, despite the COVID-19 school closure. We are currently serving 11 teen mothers attending the Buffalo Hide Academy and Browning High School. We have kept in contact with them via their school district emails.

We also received a small donation that allowed us to purchase some fun items for the babies themselves to enjoy while social distancing. We will continue to provide essential items and emotional and academic support to our teen parents and their children throughout the duration of the school closure.

HI-SET ~ PHYSICAL SITE CLOSED/OPERATING ON-LINE & PACKETS

The Hi-Set program is in an interesting position to continue to serve the community's Hi-Set needs during the COVID-19 related school closure. Our tutor, Jerelyn Gobert, has reached out to students and offered either packet-based work or computer-based. This has always been an option for our students so the transition was fairly seamless. We are actually hoping to use the stay at home order as an opportunity to re-engage students from prior who became disengaged with the Hi-Set. Since the closure, Hi-Set has provided 4 students with study packets and an additional 5 students are working online.

ĀISSĠOŌMMOŌTSIIYŌ•Ġ ~ OPERATING ONLINE/SOCIAL DISTANCING

During the COVID-19 related school closure, the āissġoŋmmoŋtsiiyŋ•ġ program has relied entirely on the requests, referrals and communication from other BPS staff in direct contact with students and families in order to identify and meet the various needs arising during this time.

To date, we have provided #18 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth with a food & hygiene care package, and an additional #6 students experiencing homelessness with the same items. These care packages opened the conversation to provide several of these students with other means to access academic work (access to online learning and/or packets).

A special thanks to Joe Jessepe for assisting with the outreach and delivery of these care packages!

Clothing Closets ~ CLOSED to public

We are currently collecting diy masks for our students experiencing homelessness, foster care students and students being raised by grandparents.

Food Pantries ~ CLOSED to public

The food pantries continue to provide much-needed food to individual students and families. Families are also being referred to the FAST Blackfeet Oyop Food Pantry located at the Medicine Bear shelter.



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We are changing our DRIVE THRU check in on Mondays & Thursdays from 3 - 5:30p. You can come 1x/wk. If you need to call in from home for a basket lines are open between 10am-2pm.



COVID-19 : Ȯ'yō'•p' Food Pantry DRIVE THRU SERVICE

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Social distancing is even more important now. To keep the community and our volunteers safe we will not be able to talk to participants face to face.

Our hours are 3:00 – 5:30 pm on Monday and Thursday.

When you come to the pantry to get a box, follow these directions:

1. PARK AS DIRECTED by volunteers. Line up in your car facing south in front of Medicine Bear Shelter. The head of the line forms at the gate.
2. Bring your cell phone or bring someone in your car that has a cell phone.
3. STAY IN YOUR CAR until your box comes out. Then open/close your car doors for box carrier.
4. When coming to the head of the line, call 338-7842 and answer the questions we ask - your name, if you are new to the pantry, if you've been by this month, number in your household and how many are children, adults and elders over 65 yrs. and color of your car.
5. To comply with TEFAP regulations we need to ask about your income. Those who qualify, get a few extra items in their box.
6. Don't have a cell phone? Call us from home and we will make your box. Get in line and when you get to the front of the line, we will ask your name and bring out your box.
7. HEALTH. Please stay home if you are sick. Find a healthy friend or family member to pick up your box if you are in need.



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