

Dear Child Care Provider,

I hope that this email finds you and those you love safe and well.

At 12:01 AM ET, Wednesday, October 14, we finally are able to release findings from the first-ever large-scale study of the risk of working in child care during the COVID-19 pandemic. In May and June, more than 57,000 child care providers like you provided us the information we needed to provide you answers about whether working in child care increases your risk of COVID-19 or contributes to its spread.

You may remember that I promised we would host a free briefing to discuss with you the findings and answer as many of your questions as possible. I intend to make good on that promise. **The data in this study belong to you (not me), and you deserve a full and honest description of what we did and did not find.**

This peer-reviewed medical study will be published in January 2021 by Pediatrics, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics. But the journal will be releasing the findings and report early because of the important implications they have regarding COVID-19 and health.

Please join Yale School of Medicine researchers and Child Care Aware® of America (CCAoA), with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the National Workforce Registry Alliance (NWRA), on **Friday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m. EDT** as we share the findings and talk about next steps for keeping children, providers, and families safe and programs safely open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This live briefing is **completely free to you**, and a link to the full Yale report and related resources and policy recommendations will be shared. We will have several members of the research team there to answer your questions, including Thomas Murray, MD, PhD (a Yale expert in pediatric infectious disease control), Saad B. Omer, PhD (an internationally acclaimed Yale epidemiologist specializing in COVID-19 transmission, and me (a policy researcher focusing on child care access and safety).

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We hope to see you there! And congratulations to the 20 randomly-selected winners of \$500 Yale gift cards – amazing child care providers like you from Kent OH, Houston TX, Cincinnati OH, Des Plaines IL, Alexandria VA, Marysville WA, Revere MA, Tracy CA,

Ahoskie NC, Los Angeles CA, Homestead FL, Dresher PA, Temple Terrace FL, Kenosha WI, Canal Fulton OH, Oklahoma City OK, Ypsilanti MI, Boca Raton FL, Union City CA, and San Andreas CA!

For updates, you can also follow me on **Twitter (@WalterGilliam)**. And please feel free to **share this invitation with others who may be interested in attending**.

Thank you for all you do for children and their families!

Take care,

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