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**Global Links, Trying Together, and ELRC Region 5
Collaborate to Equip Child Care Providers with Supplies Needed to
Maintain a Safe Environment for Children and Early Educators**

*Child care providers will receive infrared thermometers,
face shields, masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and more at JULY 22 distribution event*

WHAT: Local humanitarian aid organization Global Links; Trying Together, a nonprofit that supports high-quality care and education for young children; and the Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) Region 5, a single point-of-contact for families and early learning providers to gain information and access support services, are partnering to ensure that 650 licensed child care operators in Allegheny County are fully equipped with the protective and cleaning supplies needed to maintain a safe, clean, and healthy environment for children and employees.

Child care operators will have the opportunity to drive up to Global Links and receive an infrared, no-touch thermometer; gloves for diaper changes and cleaning; hand sanitizer; disinfectant; reusable cloth masks; reusable clear plastic face shields; and one case of tissues.

All licensed child care providers in Allegheny County are eligible to receive cleaning supplies and safety equipment. Providers must have their tax identification (EIN) numbers ready for staff at the distribution site.

"Child care facilities provide an essential service to our community, but many do not have the resources to purchase large quantities of the extra protective equipment and supplies needed to operate safely with the COVID-19 guidelines," says Global Links Executive Director Angela Garcia. "With the support of local foundations, Global Links has been able to leverage its purchasing power to place bulk orders of supplies for distribution to licensed care providers in Allegheny County, freeing them from the burden of making multiple purchases at higher costs."

"The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the child care sector in such a tremendous way. Now that our providers are reopening, they are faced with increased cleaning and disinfecting guidelines," says Trying Together Executive Director Cara Ciminillo. "They are tasked with ensuring the health and safety of our children on a daily basis, and we hope giving them these supplies alleviates some of the financial burden, stress, and challenges associated with the pandemic."

The purchase and distribution of supplies is made possible through the generous support of local foundations. For more information, call 412.350.3577 or visit elrc5.alleghenycounty.us.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 22
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Global Links
700 Trumbull Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15205

There will be two additional distributions in the North Hills and East End:

- Thursday, July 23, at La Roche University from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Friday, July 24, at Edgewood Town Centre from 1 pm. to 3 p.m.

Maps for each distribution location can be found on the [Trying Together website](#).

WHO:

Interviews available at Wednesday's distribution event and in advance with:

Angela Garcia, Executive Director, Global Links

Cara Ciminillo, Executive Director, Trying Together

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About Global Links

Global Links is a medical relief and development organization dedicated to supporting health improvement initiatives in resource-poor communities, primarily in the Western Hemisphere. Global Links collaborates with U.S. healthcare institutions and the community to rescue hundreds of tons of high-quality surplus medical materials every year that would otherwise be sent to landfills. These materials are shared with public health facilities around the world and with non-profit organizations in Western Pennsylvania that are providing care for their community's most vulnerable people. For more information, visit www.globallinks.org. **Global Links. Sharing Surplus. Saving Lives.**

About Trying Together

Trying Together supports high-quality care and education for young children by providing advocacy, community resources, and professional growth opportunities for the needs and rights of children, their families, and the individuals who interact with them. Trying Together works regionally (in Southwestern Pennsylvania) and takes its expertise and models to statewide and national audiences. Learn more at www.tryingtogether.org.

About Early Learning Resource Center Region 5

The Allegheny County Department of Human Services (ACDHS) and the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) support **Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) Region 5** in partnership with The Alliance for Infants and Toddlers, and Trying Together. Pennsylvania's ELRCs provide a single point-of-contact for families, early learning service providers, and communities to gain information and access services that support high-quality child care and early learning programs. ELRCs consolidated the work of Child Care Works (CCW) Agencies and Regional Keys to create an enhanced resource and referral system for communities seeking early learning services and support. Learn more at www.elrc5.alleghenycounty.us.

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