

Children begin returning to select Early Childhood Education centers

After seven months of serving children virtually, those enrolled at a number of Early Childhood Education (ECE) Child Development Centers are beginning to return for in-person instruction.



The first center to welcome children back was the London Child Development Center. Ten students returned to a warm welcome from staff and a festive fall pumpkin patch. "I'd like to thank the staff for all of the hard work and dedication to this transition of offering on-site care again," said ECE Administrator Dr. Alex Elliott. "Together, we have taken time to rethink each step of our day – from the kitchen staff needing to find new ways to serve food, to custodians rearranging their cleaning schedule, to teachers learning new strategies to encourage social distancing in the classrooms."

Dr. Elliott reports that the program will begin reopening one site or classroom at a time in the coming weeks. The slow and methodical process will involve collaboration with school districts where many of the ECE centers are located.

"Parents are excited to hear that we have started to reopen," said Dr. Elliott. "We have reassured them that they have a choice of whether their child attends in-person or continues virtually, and t

Photo above:

~ Theatre Company graduate Jaden Church performs as part of the program's annual senior cabaret. Videos of this year's graduate virtual performances are available on TCOE's YouTube channel.

Early Childhood Education offers professional learning opportunities

TCOE's Early Childhood Education Program is hosting a variety of professional learning opportunities each month during the school year. Some of the training topics include trauma informed care, working with children with special needs, strengthening families, and community care licensing.

The intended audience for these trainings include

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