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## **Children's Museum Of Pittsburgh Teams up with Chase and Trying Together to Support Local Early Learning Programs**

### ***Chase Educational Resources for Child Care Centers Project Distributes Chase Arts & Making Toolkits to Allegheny County Early Learning Providers***

PITTSBURGH (September 8, 2020)—[Children's Museum of Pittsburgh](#) is partnering with [Chase](#) and [Trying Together](#) to create and distribute **Chase Arts & Making Toolkits** for neighborhood child care programs and centers who serve hundreds of children and families in areas across Allegheny County.

The **Chase Educational Resources for Child Care Centers Project** supplies engaging activities for these centers and the young children in their care. The Toolkits were curated and created by Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and distributed by Trying Together and the Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) Region 5 Quality Coaches to licensed child care programs, centers and relative providers in Allegheny County.

"Providing kids with the activities that inspire joy creativity and curiosity has become even more important during these challenging times." said Jane Werner, Executive Director of Pittsburgh Children's Museum. "And thanks to this terrific partnership with Chase and Trying Together, our creativity and reach have been expanded tremendously, allowing us to put the hands-on activities that we value so much at the Museum into places where kids can experience and enjoy them."

On August 14, volunteers assembled 75 toolkits that will be delivered by Trying Together and the ELRC Region 5 Quality Coaches. Deliveries began on Monday, August 31 to the following centers and programs:

*Lois Johnson-South Park; Cheryl Hurt Group Day Care Home; Brooke Barry's Childcare; Eric Young Childcare; Charita Bush; YMCA Of Greater Pittsburgh/Sampson Family YMCA; Extended Day Services/Dormont Elementary; Jamie Miller Family Child Care Home; Love and Care Educational CCC 2; Children's Adventure; White's Tots to Teens; Mz Smiley's Daycare; Cynthia Francks Child Care; Cynthia K. Francks Child Care II; Project Destiny, Perrysville and CCAC Campus SiteS; All About Kidz; TT's Toybox; Sheree Jennings Family Child*

*Care Home; Jitterbugs Learning Center; Providence Family Support; Ahead of the Curve; Small World Learning Centers, 1 and 2; All Aboard Day Care and Learning Center; BAHS Place; Little Appleseed Learning Center.*

“We wanted to join forces with the Children’s Museum and Trying Together to make meaningful programming available to regional early childhood educators who are caring for the children of frontline workers,” said Sandra Reiman, Chase Market Director of Banking for Pittsburgh. “During this very challenging time, the Chase Educational Resources for Child Care Centers Project is an opportunity to share fun, inspiring, and hands-on learning opportunities for kids and caregivers in our community.”

Each **Chase Arts & Making Toolkit** serves seven children and an adult facilitator and contains art, making and gardening materials, including masking tape; ruler; crayons; looms; weaving hooks; crochet hooks; loom loops; construction paper; small paint brushes; scissors; water color paper; paint holders; butterfly kit; liquid water colors in yellow, red, and blue; and a variety of *National Geographic Readers* including: “Flutter, Butterfly!”, “Caterpillar to Butterfly,” “Bugs” and more. Toolkits also have information on the Children’s Museum’s online resources including Museum at Home DIY videos and professional development workshop taught by Museum teaching artists.

“Trying Together and ELRC Region 5 are grateful to partner with Chase and Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh to provide children, families, and educators with hands-on learning materials. With all that is going on in our world, it is comforting to know that these toolkits are being put into the hands of trusted caregivers so their children can continue to be creative, and to develop and learn in healthy ways,” said Cara Ciminillo, Executive Director of Trying Together.

The **Chase Educational Resources for Child Care Centers Project** is made possible with support from Chase.

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To see **Chase Arts & Making Toolkits**, high resolution photos and high resolution logos of **Chase Educational Resources for Child Care Centers Project** partners click here:

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