



Town of Hamden, CT

ARPA Subrecipient – Progress Report Form

State and local governments are responsible to ensure all ARPA funds are expended on eligible projects as set forth in the Act. This includes awards issued by the state and local governments to eligible businesses and non-profits as subrecipients to carry-out response, mitigation, and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic on behalf of the Town. Completion of this Project Progress Report Form will assist the Town in reporting eligible use of ARPA funding accurately to the public and the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Report Due Date:

Reporting Period: July 1, 2024 – Dec 30, 2024

Section 1 – Subrecipient – *To be completed by the town.*

Subrecipient Name: Hamden's Partnership for Young Children
 Period of Award :
 Project ID #:
 Type of Subrecipient: non-profit Hamden early childhood council
 Point of Contact (Name): Sheryl Sadinsky
 Point of Contact Email: ssadinsky@hamdenyoungchildren.org
 Subrecipient UEI#:
 Expenditure Category (EC):

Total Amount Awarded: \$165,000
 Number of Drawdowns Submitted: 1
 Total Amount Reimbursed:

Section II – Project Data & Progress Report – *To be completed by subrecipient.*

A. Title of Project: HPYC Supporting Hamden Childcare Initiative

B. Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

*Specifically describe the adverse health and/or financial impacts suffered by your business or organization **and** to residents of the community due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Impact of COVID on Hamden's Young children, families, and childcare:

- We won't know for some time yet how big a setback COVID has been for the current generation of children in our town, but it is certain to be significant and our goal with ARPA funds is to provide the support necessary to help families and their children recover the best they can.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has forced the already-fragile childcare system to the brink of collapse and is exacerbating existing racial and ethnic inequities for parents, children, and childcare providers throughout the U.S.
- The small, minority childcare businesses in Hamden are struggling to stay open due to high expenses, lower enrollment and inability of parents to afford care.
- One of the many things this pandemic has revealed is the significance of early learning contributions childcare providers make in a child's early life — and the critical role they play in a thriving, economically vital country.
- Unfortunately, when childcare systems lack equitable structures, access, and financial stability, families and communities suffer.
- It is currently a burden for parents trying to re-enter the workforce or those trying to balance remote work and childcare.

C. Project Impact on COVID-19

*Specifically describe how your Project **eliminated or decreased** the COVID-19 impacts you described in Section II (B).*

These ARPA funds support a more durable Hamden Early Care and Education system:

ARPA funds are used soon to support families, early childhood programs and the health and safety of young children. Specifically, the ARPA funds will be used for COVID recovery in Hamden to:

- Address the health and safety needs of children (our most vulnerable population) through new and expanded early outdoor learning approaches that address social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth.
- Promote healthy childhood environments, by supporting programs with enhanced health and safety measures, including supplies.
- Increase support to small businesses, who are often minority owned by providing technology and business support.
- Provide financial support to centers and increase safety measures by providing training in medical administration and CPR to staff.

D. Progress to Complete Project (mark one):

- Project not yet implemented (*describe below*)
 - ✓ ○ Project less than 25% completed
- Project 50%-75% completed
- Project 100% completed – ready to close out
- Project completion delayed (*describe below*)

If the project is experiencing delays, please describe the challenges to project implementation.

It has been a challenge regarding the procurement of vendors to supply outdoor equipment, as well as health and safety equipment. It has also been challenging to track orders, which are being shipped in several parts and from different warehouses. We are working on all Objectives

- ***Objective 1- All Our Kin has identified needs. We are working on confirming Family Providers. Some have closed and new providers have opened. We are working on final procurement of vendors. Town has asked for specific list of items and vendors.***
- ***Objective 2- We have agreements and paperwork ready. They are being translated into Spanish. The same applies for Objective 1—It will be challenging to reach all Family Providers. We will use email and US Mail. We have not started this Objective due to logistics of tracking Objective 3.***
- ***Objective 3- This Objective is about 25% completed. We have placed almost 20 orders for Center Based Childcare, which are in the process of being shipped. They ship by item (as items are ready) and one order ships from more than one warehouse. We have not started Family Childcare.***
- ***Objective 4- This Objective is about 35% completed. Approximately 70 staff have been trained in First Aid and Medical Administration. Approximately 55 staff have been trained in CPR. Trainings will continue in February.***

Project Completion Date:

E. Project Impact Data Reporting – Period ending June 30, 2024

Number of Individuals Served by Project: 1000+ (including children and staff)

Number of Households Served by Project: NA

Number of Services provided to the public: There are 4 projects served by this ARPA plan.

Number of Employees (FTEs) supported by ARPA Funds: 300+ (including all childcare)

Other Data (*describe*):

G. Describe transformative impacts made to your business or organization and the community with ARPA funding:

This plan was a collaborative effort between Hamden’s Partnership, the Town of Hamden, the school district including preschool special education, and HPYC community partners. These include United Way of Greater New Haven, All Our Kin, QVHD, Hamden Family Resource Center and Birth to Three and Hamden Childcare providers.

REPORT COMPLETED BY:

Sheryl Sadinsky, Coordinator HPYC _____ **Jan 14, 2025** _____
Typed Name & Title **Date**



To be completed by town:

Date Report Received _____ *Reviewed by* _____
Comments:

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