ASOUNDBEGINNING

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ESR Clarification Request

1. **Is your proposal still viable for implementation as originally submitted?**

   Yes, The Early Learning Center Therapeutic Program will continue as described in the original application.

2. **Please detail any modifications you will be making to the original submission in order to comply with the new service delivery requirements in the COVID-19 environment?** *(i.e. social distancing, capacity requirements, group event restrictions, etc.)*

   Due to COVID-19, The Hearing & Speech Center, and more specifically the Early Learning Center, has implemented a strict operating manual with enhanced safety guidelines and protocols to keep our children and staff healthy at work, as directed by the Kentucky Division of Child Care.

   To achieve the goals outline in the original application, here is an overview of the enhanced protocols we are implementing:

   - Teachers and staff are to wear masks at all times while in the building;
   - Classrooms are reduced to 10 children max per room and are never mixed with children outside of their core group.
   - HSC limits the number of staff that interact with each classroom to ensure limited contacts;
   - All lunches are eaten in the classroom;
   - Only one classroom at a time is permitted on the playground;
   - The gym is closed to all classrooms.

3. **Will these new modifications increase or decrease your proposed budget? Please detail any increases or decreases to your proposed budget including additional costs and/or other secured funding.**

   Due to the strict adherence to new safety requirements, The Hearing & Speech Center's staffing and facility operational expenditures have increased.