VIRTUAL CONVO #6 WITH FRIENDS ON COVID-19: QUESTIONS, STRATEGIES, INFORMATION

Thursday, May 7 \ 4:00-5:00PM Eastern
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Today’s Agenda: Listen, Learn, Share

- What’s New? Updates
- **Special Guests:** Conversation with SHIP of Frederick County
- Federal Legislative Update
- Resources Links
What’s New?
This Week’s Updates
To date, 32 States have applied for their share of the $13 billion in K-12 “Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief” (ESSER) funds. Only 8 Governors have applied for their share of the $3 billion in Education Relief Funds. Both funds explicitly authorize use of funds for students experiencing homelessness, but advocacy is needed to ensure that happens.

- [COVID-19 Checklist for State Education Leaders](www.schoolhouseconnection.org)
- [Opportunities for Impact Survey](www.schoolhouseconnection.org)
On May 6, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) issued guidance requiring colleges to disclose on their websites:

- The total amount of funding a college receives
- How many of its students received emergency financial aid grants
- How a college determined which students would receive grants and how much they would be worth; and
- The “instructions, directions, or guidance” that college officials provided to students about the emergency grant program.

Institutions must disclose this information within 30 days of receiving the funding, and update it every 45 days.
Bipartisan Congressional letter from U.S. Representatives sent to Treasury on April 30 to request an expedited appeals process for youth whose parents fraudulently claim them as dependents.
Organizational Sign-On Letter to Treasury to Ensure Homeless Youth Receive Economic Stimulus Payments.
--- Deadline: Friday, May 8, 2020

- Urge the IRS to prioritize and adopt a simplified, expedited procedure for homeless youth and other young adults to receive Economic Impact Payments in instances when they may have been claimed as dependents on their parents’ tax returns.
- Link to read the sign-on letter
- Sign-on Form:
  - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevMGVEixKGNb8tPe_uU9Yxkk99xdHSiOluWRYtt-w6fvz0ng/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevMGVEixKGNb8tPe_uU9Yxkk99xdHSiOluWRYtt-w6fvz0ng/viewform)
New & Featured Resource: Eviction Tracker

Eviction Lab at Princeton University has created:

A state-by-state summary of eviction protections where you can select your state to view both state and local eviction protections.

A state-by-state policy tracker distilling the newly-released emergency orders, declarations, and legislation into measures included in, and left out of, state-level pandemic responses related to eviction and housing.
COMING SOON: SHC RESOURCES

Keeping in Touch with Students and Families During School Closures

Removing Barriers to Online Enrollment
As COVID-19 disrupts education, services and life across the country, children and youth experiencing homelessness are exceptionally vulnerable. This page offers resources to help meet their needs as we respond to this global crisis.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**
- FAQ on COVID-19 and Homelessness

**Checklists, Guides, and Strategies:**
- COVID-19 Checklist for State Education Leaders on Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness
- Five Strategies to Help Homeless Youth Transition to College During COVID-19
- Five Ways to Protect Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers Experiencing Homelessness During COVID-19
- Checklist for Local Education Agencies and Early Childhood Providers
- Fact Sheet on Stimulus Payments and Homeless Youth
- Strategies for Schools and Early Learning Programs
- Higher Education Resource: COVID-19 Response for Youth Who Are Homeless or in Foster Care
- Opportunities for Impact Survey: Child and Youth Homelessness, Schools, and COVID-19

**Webinars:**
- Upcoming and Archived Webinars

**Policy Updates on COVID-19:**
- Policy Updates

**Guest Perspective:**
- Supporting Our Students Amidst the Unknown: Evolving Lessons During COVID-19

**COVID-19 and Homelessness in the News:**
- News on COVID-19 and Homelessness

**Resources from Federal Agencies and Partner Organizations:**
- Other Resources
SPECIAL GUESTS: Welcome, Ed and Ashley!

- Urgent services and essential resources for the hundreds of Frederick County youth experiencing homelessness each year.
- The New Horizons counseling program, providing support and access to services that help high school students to complete their secondary education.
- The THRIVE! Host Home Network, providing homeless unaccompanied youth with safe, secure housing while the youth participates in a curriculum that prepares the young person for self-sufficiency. www.shipfrederick.com
SHIP and FCPS (Frederick County Public Schools) have put a tremendous amount of energy into proactive outreach and identification efforts.

Can you tell us about why this was such an important area of emphasis for you, and how you’ve structured the outreach efforts?
How have you identified basic needs, and worked with the community and FCPS to fulfill them?
We know that COVID-19 has exacerbated trauma for youth and families experiencing homelessness. How are you responding to the mental health needs and isolation of youth and families?
Questions
Continued Learning

What’s been put in place to assist MV students to stay on track with their education?
Tell us about the housing challenges, especially for those staying with others. Have you been able to access motel vouchers? Who are your biggest partners?
What are your biggest lessons learned to date, especially that might help others who are struggling with some of these issues currently?
Federal Legislative Update
COVID-19 Bills Overview

**Phase 1**
Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, enacted March 6, 2020
$8.3 billion emergency funding bill designed to treat and prevent the spread of COVID-19

**Phase 2**
Families First Coronavirus Response Act, enacted March 18, 2020
Provides for free testing, paid sick leave, some food assistance and waiver authority, and unemployment provisions

**Phase 3**
The CARES Act, enacted Friday, March 27, 2020
$2.2 trillion for coronavirus response and economic stimulus

**Phase 4**
In progress:
House Democratic Proposal Expected TOMORROW Friday, May 8

Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act - H.R. 266

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SHC’s “Phase Four” Advocacy Priorities: Education

- **K-12 Education**: $500 million to support identification, outreach, and removal of barriers to services and education through the Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program.

- **Higher Education**: New funding and requirements to target outreach to youth experiencing homelessness, prioritize them for emergency aid, provide them with assistance in FAFSA completion, and waive SNAP work requirements for college students.

- **Early Childhood**: Emergency child care, outreach, and early learning support for young children experiencing homelessness.
SHC’s “Phase Four” Advocacy Priorities: Youth and Families

- **Unaccompanied Youth:** Provisions to remove barriers to Recovery Rebates for unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness.

- **Family Stabilization:** A dedicated flexible funding stream to support emergency needs, including emergency housing, eviction prevention, outreach, and other services, for families and children experiencing homelessness.

Read more details on SHC’s “Phase Four” Advocacy Priorities
Questions
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Mental Health Resources

- Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19 | CDC
- Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health During an Infectious Disease Outbreak
- Coping With Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks
- Talking to Children About COVID-19 (Coronavirus): A Parent Resource
Thank you!

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