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[Children, Youth, and Family Section Steering Committee Member Recruitment](#)

Catholic Charities USA is recruiting additional members to join the Children, Youth, and Family Section (CYFS) Steering Committee. The purpose, mission, and vision of the CYFS Services Professional Interest Section are to provide information, formation, and networking opportunities to staff and volunteers working with children, youth, and families. If you are interested in becoming a steering committee member for this section, please [click here](#) to request more information! Your participation on the committee will bring valuable expertise, which will continue to enrich and build upon the knowledge of our network. **The deadline for submission of applications is Today- Monday, February 1, 2021!**

[Catholic Charities USA Launches 2021 National Volunteer of the Year Award Nomination Process](#)

The National Volunteer of the Year Award is given to an individual who embodies the mission of CCUSA, provides critical services to those in need, advocates for justice in social structures and calls the entire Church and other people of good will to do the same. Catholic Charities agencies may submit up to three separate nominations. All nominators are required to obtain a high resolution headshot of the nominee that may be published online as well as in Charities USA magazine. **The deadline for all nominations is Friday, March 5, 2021. Finalists will be notified the week of March 15-19, 2021. [Submit your nomination here!](#)**

[COVID 19 Vaccine Approved for Emergency Use Quick Facts collected by CCUSA:](#)

- [FDA Press Release](#)
- [Recipient and Caregiver Fact Sheet](#)
- [Healthcare Provider Fact Sheet](#)
- [FDA News and Information](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Information](#) - includes information on for parents, adults, healthcare professionals, vaccination planning, and a vaccination communication tools kit

[Save the Date! Join us in San Diego for CCUSA's 2021 Annual Gathering!](#)

When: Sept. 20-23, 2021. Where: Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. This past year of uncertainty has brought many changes, and we especially miss the opportunity for fellowship, learning and sharing best practices. We are excited to come together in the new year and see one another for an amazing event! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

[Opportunities and Resources for Service Providers:](#)

[Direct Service Programs for Traumatized Children from Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation Children's Initiative](#)

The Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation's Children's Initiative provides support to direct service programs throughout the United States that promote resilience, stability, and psycho-social health for youth ages 14 to 21 who have been traumatized by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Eligible programs must directly serve youth who have been significantly traumatized by ACEs, offer age-appropriate therapeutic interventions, provide services that go beyond crisis intervention, include a plan for evaluating program effectiveness, enhance the relationship between the child and at least one significant adult, be a new program or a new therapeutic component to an existing program, and use trauma informed practices. The average grant size is \$30,000 or less. **The deadline for Stage One Applications is March 1, 2021; invited Stage Two Applications will be due by August 1, 2021. Visit the Foundation's website [here](#) to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.**

[Grants Promote Youth Justice Efforts from Visionary Freedom Fund](#)

The Visionary Freedom Fund, administered by the Andrus Family Fund, seeks to ensure that Black, Brown, and Indigenous (BIPOC) youth impacted by the youth justice system on the frontlines have the resources, capacities, infrastructure, and relationships they need to develop and implement inspiring long-term, visionary change in their communities. Grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 will support organizations where leadership is impacted by the carceral state, criminal legal system, and/or systems of criminalization. Applying organizations must have young people in decision-making leadership roles. General operating grants are provided, with an emphasis on funding for organizations that are often left out of traditional philanthropic giving. **The application deadline is February 26, 2021. The request for proposals is available on the Andrus Family Fund's website [here](#).**

[CCUSA Financial Education AmeriCorps Program](#)

CCUSA is currently looking for additional grantee(s) for the Financial Education AmeriCorps program to fulfill one full time slot or one half time slot or both a full time and half time slot! The AmeriCorps members in this program will use the FDIC Money Smart curriculum to educate clients of all ages on how to enhance their financial skills and create positive banking relationships. This program will help clients improve financial literacy and navigate financial decisions more efficiently. **If your agency is interested in hosting an AmeriCorps member to serve in your community, please reach out to Sarah Hendley at SHendley@catholiccharitiesusa.org.**

[Open Wide Our Hearts Virtual Photo Exhibit from Catholic Charities Green Bay](#)

Inspired by *Open Wide Our Hearts*, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' 2018 pastoral letter against racism, staff at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay launched the Open Wide Our Hearts photo exhibit in November 2019. This exhibit features photos of Catholics from various racial and ethnic backgrounds, alongside written narratives that document what life in the church of the Diocese of Green Bay has been like for them as a person of color. This past summer, due to limitations on in-person gatherings as well as the national response to the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd, a virtual version of the exhibit was developed in order to be able to share these stories with a wider audience and continue these important conversations. **You can check out the exhibit [here](#).**

[Webinars for Service Providers:](#)

[2020 CCUSA Annual Survey Preparation Webinar](#)

Date: Feb 5, 2021 at 3:30pm EST

The 2020 CCUSA Annual Survey and CLINIC Survey on Immigration Legal Services, will launch on Friday, February 5th. To help prepare, CCUSA invites you to register for the 2020 CCUSA Annual Survey Preparation Webinar where they will:

- Highlight notable changes to this year's instrument
- Detail the submission timeline
- Provide suggested data collection processes, and
- Outline methods for technical assistance during the submission process.

The Webinar recording and presentation slides will be sent directly to all registrants for later viewing. All staff or leadership contributing or overseeing your agency's submission are encouraged to participate in this instructional webinar. **Please direct any questions or Survey contact updates to [Ashley Rininger](#). Register [here](#).**

[Register now for the 2021 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering!](#)

Date: Feb 6-9, 2021 Virtual Gathering

"Make justice your aim" (cf. Is 1:17) Don't miss this transformative annual gathering for leaders in Catholic social ministry and advocacy! This year, CCUSA will pray, learn, and advocate together on the disparities revealed by COVID-19 and re-imagine new models of justice and solidarity. For more than 30 years, the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) has brought together hundreds of participants whose faith inspires them to address pressing current domestic and global challenges affecting the most vulnerable brothers and sisters at home and around the world. **To register or for more information visit [here](#). Join the discussion and be part of the solution!**

[Public Forum: CCUSA Poverty and Racism Paper](#)

Date: Feb 18, 2021 at 2:00 PM EST.

In a response to events in 2020, CCUSA rewrote its 2008 Poverty and Racism paper and developed a facilitation guide on racial justice and anti-racist work for Diocesan Directors of Catholic Charities. Please join us for a conversation about the best way for Catholic Charities agencies to conduct anti-racist programming in our communities. **Register [here](#).**

[Strengthening 2Gen Approaches Through Listening, Engaging, and Designing with Families](#)

Date: Feb 24, 2021 at 2:00 PM EST.

Join our experts for a webinar where participants will engage in peer learning to develop and strengthen understanding of a Whole Family Approach (WFA). Additionally, we will focus on ways to become centered in key WFA concepts like racial equity, engaging and listening to families, and attending to system and policy changes that support parents and children. We will address how engaging and listening to customers can strengthen program design and build buy-in internally and externally while exploring multiple ways to connect organizations shifting to a Whole Family Approach (WFA). **Register [here](#).**

[Parents and Caregivers:](#)

[Spread the word on how to access the recent Economic Income Payment - particularly for those that are unbanked](#)

The Treasury Department and the IRS are issuing millions of second [Economic Impact Payments](#) by prepaid debit card to speed delivery of the payments to as many people as possible. If the [Get My Payment](#) tool on IRS.gov shows a date that a recipient's payment was mailed, they should watch their mail for either a paper check or debit card:

- The debit cards arrive in a white envelope that prominently displays the U.S. Department of the Treasury seal.
- The prepaid debit card, called the Economic Impact Payment card, is issued by Treasury's financial agent, MetaBank, N.A.

- The IRS does not determine who receives a card. The form of payment for the second mailed EIP may be different than the first mailed EIP. Some people who received a paper check last time might receive a prepaid debit card this time, and some people who received a prepaid debit card last time may receive a paper check.
- People should watch their mail carefully; EIP Cards are being sent in a white envelope that prominently displays the U.S. Department of the Treasury seal.

The envelope states "Not a bill or an advertisement. Important information about your Economic Impact Payment." The EIP Card has the Visa name on the front of the card and the issuing bank name, MetaBank, N.A. on the back. Each mailing will include instructions on how to securely activate and use the EIP Card. These cards are being issued to eligible recipients across all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Residents of the western United States are generally more likely to receive an EIP Card. People can check the status of their payment using the [Get My Payment](#) tool on IRS.gov. For more information: [EIP debit cards](#) [Economic Impact Payments](#)

[The HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) have created a new tool](#)

HHS released [v-safe](#), a smartphone-based tool that provides personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccine. The CDC has also updated the COVID Data Tracker's [United States COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by State](#) and published information on [Understanding mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#).

[Youth and Family TREE Funding Opportunity](#)

[Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#) is accepting [applications](#) for its Enhancement and Expansion of Treatment and Recovery Services for Adolescents, Transitional Aged Youth, and Their Families (Youth and Family TREE) funding opportunity with intentions to grant 17 awards, totaling \$9,524,682, for programs to enhance and expand comprehensive treatment, early intervention, and recovery support services for adolescents, transitional aged youth, and their families/primary caregivers with substance use disorders and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders. **Application deadline: Feb. 8, 2021.**

[Talking about Race Resources](#)

The Center for Parent Information and Resources ([CPIR](#)) has created a series of webpages on talking about race. CPIR offers these materials to help individuals and communities feel comfortable discussing racial matters. The resources are organized by theme or topic to help with identifying the resource most relevant or of interest to the individual, community, or program. Titles such as [Looking Within Ourselves](#) and [Talking With Our Children About Race and Racial Violence](#) are available.

[Resources to Promote Conversation and Healing](#)

The [National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#) (NCTSN) strives to increase the standard of care and improve access to services for children and their families and communities who have been traumatized. NCTSN developed resources to help families acknowledge their feelings and find ways to cope together. [Resources](#) include [Parent Guidelines for Helping Youth after Mass Violence](#) and [Pause-Reset-Nourish \(PRN\) To Promote Wellbeing: Use As Needed to Care for Your Wellness!](#)

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