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### Announcements:

#### Request for feedback: AmeriCorps Survey

The CCUSA AmeriCorps Team is asking for your participation in completing their [Catholic Charities & AmeriCorps: FY21 Funding Survey](#).

Each year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) releases a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for organizations to submit applications for AmeriCorps State and National Programs grant funding. This year, CCUSA is conducting a new survey tool to get a pulse on the most urgent needs facing your communities and how AmeriCorps members could help in that response. Your response will provide the CCUSA team with critical data that will be utilized to inform any national applications but does not impose a requirement to participate in any grant programs. **Please complete the survey by October 16<sup>th</sup>. Complete the survey [here](#).**

If you have any questions, please contact [Teiara Turner](#) and/or [Sarah Hendley](#).

#### #ALLINforWaitingKids Initiative Launched

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is leading a national effort, championed by Assistant Secretary Lynn Johnson, to garner commitments and build strategic partnerships with the goal of finding loving, permanent homes for the nearly 122,000 children and youth who are currently waiting in the U.S. foster care system.

ACF has developed a [public engagement](#) section of the ALL IN Foster Adoption Challenge website to ask the public to engage in the ALL IN Challenge by committing to an activity that supports children/youth or their caregivers and then sharing a picture or video of themselves with the ALL IN sign on their social media to let others know they have committed to ALL IN. ACF asks that people use the hashtag **#ALLINforWaitingKids** to show their support for the challenge as well as share the link to

the public engagement page so that people can learn more. For more information, visit the [ALL In Foster Adoption website](#).

### [Veterans services professional interest LISTSERV signup](#)

CCUSA is currently looking expand information and opportunities in the Veterans Services program area. If you're interested in joining this revamped professional interest section, be sure to sign up for the Veterans Services Listserv to stay up to date on upcoming trainings, webinars, funding opportunities and more! [Sign up for the Listserv here](#).

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

### [Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program \(HTPCP\)](#)

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is accepting applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP). The purpose of this program is to support innovative, community-based initiatives to improve the health status of infants, children, adolescents, and families in rural and other underserved communities by increasing their access to preventive care and services. **The deadline is October 6, 2020. Learn more about this opportunity [here](#).**

### [One Month Remaining for People to File for Federal Stimulus Payments](#)

October 15 marks the last day that individuals can file for their federal stimulus payments (Economic Impact Payments or EIPs). The National Human Services Assembly is encouraging state and local health and human service agencies and community leaders to launch a final outreach push to eligible individuals, especially to communities that have [reported issues](#) with receiving the payments. NHTSA member United Way Worldwide is providing support in multiple languages through their stimulus phone hotline (844-322-3639) and online information, again in multiple languages, at their 211 [support website](#). Also, Code for America is providing support through an [online application tool](#) in English and Spanish. [Outreach resources](#) are also available from the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities in English and Spanish. (Source: NHTSA)

### [Pope Francis' Call for Innovative Educational Efforts](#)

Last year Pope Francis launched a Global Compact on Education which is coming to fruition through the development of an event (scheduled for October 15th) and a website to highlight promising practices from around the world. The organizers are very interested in adding descriptions of both formal and informal educational efforts from North America. Any type of educational program might qualify for inclusion: virtual ESL summer school, facilitating virtual learning for refugee children, training for environmental justice, GED/Workforce Development programming, peace & justice education, etc. They are especially targeting projects that deal with one or more of the following: human dignity and rights; integral ecology; peace and citizenship; or solidarity and development and that have a global dimension insofar as they are inter-religious, interethnic, intercultural, or intergenerational. **Submissions are welcome through the end of November. Learn more and submit [here](#) (English) and [here](#) (Spanish).**

### [Resources to Support National Adoption Month](#)

Updated [resources](#) and [outreach tools](#) are now available to help you align your National Adoption Month plans with the Children's Bureau's national campaign! (Reminder: November is National Adoption Month)

- Visit the 2020 National Adoption Month [website](#)

(Source: [Child Welfare Information Gateway](#))

## [Webinars for Service Providers:](#)

### [APHSA: Family Well-Being and Child Welfare Services Against the Backdrop of COVID-19](#)

**Date: Oct 5, 2:00pm EST**

In the spring and summer of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic brought school closures and stay-at-home orders, followed by reports that calls to child maltreatment hotlines were decreasing dramatically. With less exposure to mandated reporters, children appeared to be less likely to be the subject of reports to the child welfare system. But have maltreatment dynamics changed? If so, how? And how are child welfare systems responding during this unprecedented time?

In this webinar, panelists will share research findings about maltreatment reports and substantiations, describe how some systems have responded to changes brought on by the pandemic, and discuss the role of the child welfare system now and into the future. **Register [here](#).**

### [CCUSA - Working with those Impacted by Incarceration](#)

**Date: Oct. 13, 2020, at 3:00 PM EST**

The workshop will highlight two approaches that support families impacted by incarceration. 1) A prison ministry model that works across rural Iowa utilizing volunteers who serve as mentors via Circle of Support group. Additionally, highlighted is the role of restorative justice in their work. 2) Catholic Charities New Orleans has an innovation public/private partnership with the Plaquemines Parish Jail and other community partners allowing staff to work, pre-lease that supports housing and employment. Join our presenters to scan some of the network's ministries to those impacted by incarceration. **Register [here](#).**

### [CCUSA - PREPARES - CCUSA Innovation Challenge finalist](#)

**Date: Oct. 14, 2020, 3:00pm EST**

Join this webinar to learn about PREPARES, a Catholic Charities USA Innovation Challenge finalist which presently engages over 500 volunteers from 159 parishes who have served 12,000 families. This parish-based program engages a network of parish volunteers, professional staff, and aligned programs to accompany pregnant and parenting women, men, and families with children under five who live in poverty and lack a healthy support network. PREPARES successfully alleviates poverty, increases health care access, and protects children at risk of abuse and neglect. Created by the bishops of Washington state in 2013, funding from the USCCB and CCHD enabled three state Catholic Charities agencies to begin implementation, including Catholic Charities Eastern Washington as featured in this webinar.

**Register [here](#).**

### [APHSA: "If I Knew Then What I Know Now..." COVID-19 Lessons Learned and Planning for the Future](#)

**Date: Oct 22, 3:00pm EST**

COVID-19 emerged in mid-March as a force that the majority of us never saw coming – or hoped we never would. In an effort to better understand how the pandemic has impacted governments, and to facilitate the sharing of experiences and insights, Maximus conducted a survey of state and county leaders, exploring such topics as: the most serious challenges for agencies, staff, and consumers; how this experience will impact how agencies do business post-COVID-19; what agencies would have done to prepare if they'd known COVID was coming. In this interactive webinar, they reveal the results of the survey and discuss possible implications with our panel of state and county leaders. Join them to listen, learn, and share your insights in this data-driven, peer group discussion. **Register [here](#).**

### [CCUSA - Creating a Culture of Healthy Eating](#)

**Date: Oct 29, 3:00pm EST**

Nutrition is at the root of much of the ill health of the poor, and the importance of underlying health conditions has been brought home at tragic levels through COVID-19. For 80 years, Edmundo

Missions has served Selma, Alabama, the poorest city in the poorest county in one of the poorest states in the nation. In a year of effort, the Missions has shown how to combine food provision and improved nutrition in extremely poor populations not only to walk the talk of the nutritional value of its work in measurable ways, but also to create nutrition advocates among its young, including the high school football team, an Alabama icon. And all for pennies on the dollar. The speaker is: Susan Raymond, Ph.D., Chief Innovation officer and Vice President, Program Integration, Edmundite Missions, Selma, AL. **Register [here](#).**

**[NACSW 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Unity in the Face of Adversity: Building a World of Love & Justice](#)**  
**November 5th – 8th, 2020 (online and in-person)**

The North American Association of Christians in Social Work is pleased to announce their annual convention, whose program includes an array of on-site and virtual sessions divided among 13 tracks selected from proposals received from all across North America following a competitive peer review process. Choose from more than 125 workshops and poster sessions, keynote speakers and pre-convention training institutes—all focusing on topics of special interest to Christians in social work. **Learn more about the convention and register [here](#).**

## **[Parents and Caregivers:](#)**

### **[Hispanic Heritage Month 2020: Twitter Chat](#)**

**Date: Oct 8, 2:00pm EST**

Join OMH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the FDA Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE) for a bilingual Twitter chat in observance of [Hispanic Heritage Month](#). The chat will focus on highlighting healthy behaviors for the Hispanic/Latino community in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, including getting recommended vaccinations, such as the flu vaccine. The chat will also highlight HHS's efforts to improving diversity in clinical trials as a way to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations like the Hispanic/Latino community. To participate, please use the hashtag #HealthyLatinos. [English](#) | [Spanish](#) (Source: Office of Minority Health)

### **[Physical Activity](#)**

[Muévete a Tu Manera](#) is the Spanish-language version of the HHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) [Move Your Way](#) campaign, which provides tips for adults and children on how to be physically active every day. **Explore the campaign [here](#).** (Source: Office of Minority Health)

### **[National Low Income Housing Coalition Rental Assistance Tracking Map](#)**

In light of the emerging rental eviction crisis, the National Low-Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) has developed several helpful tools. **The [National Low Income Housing Coalition \(NLIHC\) Rental Assistance Tracking Map](#)** is updated regularly to help those needing rental assistance, particularly due to COVID job loss and other related impacts. In response to COVID-19 and its economic fallout, many cities and states are creating or expanding rental assistance programs to support individuals and families impacted by the pandemic, and NLIHC is tracking [in-depth information](#) on these programs.

### **[Best Tools for Virtual and Distance Learning from commonsense.org](#)**

Making virtual learning or distance learning work for all students is challenging. You can have all the best tools in place, but without equitable access at home for all your students -- and adequate prep and training for yourself -- it's tough to replicate a traditional, in-person learning experience. This list assumes you've got those problems worked out and are focusing now on how to set up an effective virtual learning environment -- either adapting your existing curriculum, or designing a brand-new one from the ground up. Read about the recommendations [here](#).

### **[New Web Tool to Help Families and Educators Easily Access School Spending Data](#)**

In September, the U.S. Department of Education [launched a new tool](#) that increases transparency on per pupil expenditures (PPE) in schools. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires states to report how much federal, state, and local taxpayer money school districts spent on students. Unfortunately, each state provides the information in different ways. Now, through the new website [studentspending.ed.gov](http://studentspending.ed.gov), state data will be aggregated and made easily accessible and searchable. The tool displays the breakdown of federal, state, and local funds that make up the PPE for each school and district, starting with the 2018-19 school year. The tool features an interactive map, individual state pages, and a downloadable Excel file. Users can search for individual districts and schools and sort, filter, and compare information between schools and districts within each state. The site is also accessible on mobile devices. (Source: NHSA)

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