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Announcements:

CCUSA 110th Anniversary Event

Please join us on Friday, September 25, for a special Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating Catholic Charities 110 years of responding to the needs of people across the United States. The event will begin at 2:30 pm EDT with a welcome from Sister Donna Markham OP, President and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, followed by a message from Cardinal Luis Tagle, President Caritas Internationalis. A Mass, celebrated by Bishop Frank Dewane, Diocese of Venice, Florida, and Episcopal Liaison to Catholic Charities USA will broadcast from Epiphany Cathedral. The events can be streamed live on the following links: [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

CCUSA Economic Mobility Survey

The Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Secretary issued a [request for information](#) to solicit public input regarding economic mobility. This information will be used to inform the priorities of a federal interagency Council on Economic Mobility (Council). The Council is interested in feedback that provides insight to how the Council can promote economic mobility, recovery, and resilience. The Catholic Charities USA Social Policy team is working to coordinate a response from the Catholic Charities network. To assist with this effort, **we ask that you complete a [brief survey](#) by COB September 25.**

If you have questions, please contact Lucreda Cobbs, Senior Director, Policy and Legislative Affairs at lcobbs@catholiccharitiesusa.org.

DeVos Extends Student Loan Relief Until 2021

In August, Secretary DeVos [directed](#) Federal Student Aid (FSA) to extend student loan relief to borrowers through December 31, 2020. Borrowers with federally held student loans will have their payments automatically suspended until 2021 without penalty. In addition, the interest rate on all federally held student loans will be set to 0% through the end of the calendar year. Borrowers will continue to have the

option to make payments if they so choose. Doing so will allow borrowers to pay off their loans more quickly and at a lower cost. (Source: U.S. Department of Education)

[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:](#)

[Learn Spanish at the Esperanza Center this Fall!](#)

The 10-week autumn class program will be online and begin the week of September 28. The Esperanza Center will be offering 1A (Beginning), 1B (Beginning with some Spanish) and 2A (beginner-mid, early conversational). They also offer morning (10a-12p) as well as evening (6:30-8:30p) classes. The cost of the 10 weeks is \$150; please note that your registration is considered a donation that helps support the Educational Services Programs at Esperanza. A link to the ZOOM class will be sent the week prior to the class.

Registration Links for Morning Classes

[Mondays](#)

[Tuesdays](#)

[Thursdays](#)

Registration Links for Evening Classes

[Mondays](#)

[Tuesdays](#)

[Thursdays](#)

[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.](#)**

[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](#))

[NACSW 70TH 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.](#)**

[Webinars for Service Providers:](#)

[2019 Census Child Poverty Data and What COVID-19 Means for Kids](#)

Date: Sept. 22, 2:00pm EST

Join the Children's Defense Fund, First Focus on Children, and the U.S. Child Poverty Action Group for a webinar. This webinar will focus on currently available data on child poverty in the United States and the additional relief needed to mitigate the impact of our current crisis, as well as address our nation's consistently high level of child poverty. **Register [here](#).**

[CCUSA Innovation Challenge – Awardees Announcement Show](#)

Date: Sept. 22, 3:00pm EST

Join CCUSA for the exciting conclusion to the CCUSA Innovation Challenge; one that began a year ago in Albuquerque, NM where CCUSA asked member agencies to propose an innovative way toward alleviating, reducing or eliminating poverty. The nine finalists presented their "Big Idea" and after voting by you and an esteemed panel of judges, CCUSA excited to share the three awardees who will share equally in the \$1 million award. Sister Donna Markham OP, President and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, will announce the three awardees of the Innovation Challenge! **Register [here](#).**

[CCUSA Food and Nutrition Steering Committee Open Forum](#)

Date: Sept. 24, 3:00pm EST

CCUSA's Food and Nutrition Steering Committee will hold an open forum with agency staff engaged in food distribution and other nutrition related programs. The purpose of the call is to hear from you and to learn more about what has worked and what challenges remain. They will open the call with a brief update on legislative issues related to Federal nutrition programs and then invite you to share your local work. **Register [here](#).**

[Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: The Effects of Trauma on Children, Youth and Families](#)

Date: Sept. 29, 2020, 2:00–3:30pm EST

This introductory webinar is the first in a series of three webinars that focus on the effects of trauma on children and a trauma-informed approach to caring for children and families that have experienced trauma. **Register [here](#).**

[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](#).**

[Parents and Caregivers:](#)

[Frontline documentary: *Growing Up Poor in America* \(link\)](#)

Growing Up Poor in America features three different families with children in Ohio and documents their experience since the outbreak of COVID-19. It is about 50 minutes long and includes effective, welcome thoughts from others on youth poverty in the United States. Frontline has also produced companion articles to accompany the documentary including this one: **[Children in Poverty: By the Numbers](#)**.

[National Center for Children in Poverty Early Childhood State Profiles \(link\)](#)

These profiles provide a two-generation view of current policies affecting children birth through age 8, nationally and state-by-state, in the areas of early care and education, health, and parenting/family

economic supports. In this update, NCCP have added a new policy benchmark showing whether states fund a housing program that provides rental assistance to low-income families with children to avoid eviction or homelessness. (Currently, 6 states meet this policy benchmark.) Also see the [Young Child Risk Calculator](#) (YCRC) which shows the percentage of young children (by age bands) who are in poverty and deep poverty in each state and nationally, and characteristics of families in these groups.

[Financial inTuition Podcast](#)

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is introducing their [Financial inTuition Podcast](#). The goal of the podcast is to educate, inform, and engage students, parents, and practitioners with tools and resources created to help them make more informed financial decisions. This podcast will help listeners with tips and strategies to find their inner financial intuition, one money topic at a time.

[Start Listening](#)

[CDC Eviction Moratorium](#)

The National Housing Law Project has a [helpful resource site on the CDC order and other COVID 19 resources](#). The CDC form, which tenants need to submit to their landlord, is here, with [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Vietnamese](#) versions.

[Parenting in a Pandemic: Tips to Keep the Calm at Home from the American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

Fear, uncertainty, and being holed up at home to slow the spread of [COVID-19](#) can make it tough for families to keep a sense of calm. But it's important to help children feel safe, keep healthy routines, manage their [behavior](#) and build [resilience](#). [Here](#) are some tips from the American Academy (AAP) to help your family through the outbreak.

[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](#).

If this message was shared with you, you can click [here](#) to request to be added to the Children, Youth, and Families Services Listserv.

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