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SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES

The Evolving Role of Non-Profits and the Federal Government in the COVID-19 Response

Mitch Posner, Community Assistance Network's (CAN) Executive Director, was asked to join Senator Ben Cardin, Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski, and other government and nonprofit leaders as a panelist in a webinar hosted by the Baltimore County Government, "The Evolving Role of Non-Profits and the Federal Government in the COVID-19 Response."

This important discussion brought together government and nonprofit leaders to share about ongoing collaborative efforts to meet the growing needs during the pandemic.



FEATURED RESOURCE

A Toolkit for Centering Racial Equity Within Data Integration

Data sharing and integration commonly drives decision making across government entities. Done well, this work can elucidate needs; improve services and systems; fuel innovative policies and interventions; and — ultimately — build stronger communities.

This tool kit, developed by a national workgroup of civic data stakeholders, aims to support data sharing and integration done well. It encourages centering racial equity and community voice within the context of data integration and use — and for the benefit of the public good.

Download here

NEWS & TOOLS





Day to Serve 2020

Spotlighting the extraordinary spirit of volunteerism within Maryland, Governor Larry Hogan has proclaimed that the 2020 Day To Serve Initiative will take place from September 11th to October 10th.

Each year, Marylanders from across the state join our neighbors in Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C. to participate in Day To Serve, a month-long initiative encouraging citizens to choose a day to participate in a volunteer activity in their community.

Learn more here

How Are the Most Vulnerable Households Navigating the Financial Impact of COVID-19?

The COVID-19 pandemic has already had an unprecedented impact on the financial lives of households across the country. During June and July 2020, Prosperity Now conducted a national survey of lower-income households to better understand the circumstances these households are confronted with and the strategies they use to secure resources to navigate this crisis.



Download, **here**



2020 Census Outreach - Final Stretch

Right now, thousands of census takers across the United States are knocking on doors and calling households that have not yet filled out their 2020 Census questionnaire. We are in the final outreach stage of this massive effort to count everyone who still has not responded on their own. Dedicated census staff equipped with personal protective equipment (PPE), are working 12 hours a day, seven days a week, to make sure we count all those who remain uncounted. As of September 1, 2020, over 84.1 percent of the nation's housing units have been counted.

Read more, here



First-of-its-Kind Partnership Aims to Redesign Child Welfare Into Child- and Family Well-Being Systems

The U.S. Children's Bureau, Casey Family Programs, the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Prevent Child Abuse America are partnering to launch a national effort to prove it is possible to fundamentally rethink child welfare by creating the conditions for strong, thriving families where children are free from harm.

This first-of-its-kind effort — Thriving Families, Safer Children: A National Commitment to Well-Being — will work across the public, private and philanthropic sectors to assist jurisdictions in developing more just and equitable systems that benefit all children and families and break harmful intergenerational cycles of trauma and poverty.

More information, **here**

Weatherization Day 2020 Toolkit

This 2020 Weatherization Day Toolkit contains social media and other communications resources to help you plan your Weatherization Day activities.

New features of the 2020 toolkit include updated information on messaging, new infographics, suggestions for virtual/socially distanced Weatherization Day events, and materials highlighting the importance of WAP during COVID.



UPCOMING EVENTS





Join us as we reshape, retool and develop strategies for a sustainable future.

Find more information and register, <u>here</u>

2020 Census: Information for CoCs

Continuums of Care and providers were contacted by their <u>Area Census</u> <u>Office</u> (ACOs) to confirm service-based enumeration processes and locations no later than September 11.

- <u>Service-Based Enumeration</u> (shelters, soup kitchens, etc.) counts will take place between September 22-24
- Targeted Non-Sheltered Outdoor Locations (unsheltered) counts will take place the night of September 23 into the morning of September 24
 - Providers are encouraged to inform their clients of the Census dates, and that enumerators will wear bright orange vests during the unsheltered count

ACOs will be adding service-based enumeration locations up until September 21, so be sure to be in contact with your ACO to establish your site as an enumeration location if you have not been contacted.

If you have additional questions about the Census process for people experiencing homelessness, please email dcmd.group.quarters@census.gov.



Changes Ahead: Updates to the New Head Start Designation Renewal System

Date: Friday, September 18, 2020 Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EDT Presenter: R. Brian Tipton, Esq., Kirk Private Client Law, LLC

The Office of Head Start recently issued its much-anticipated revisions to the Designation Renewal System (DRS) rule, which include changes to three key areas affecting recompetition: CLASS reviews, monitoring deficiencies, and audit findings. In this webinar, we will outline the specific changes in the new rule, explore what they mean for your agency, and discuss what your agency should do in response to them.

We will also discuss the potential impacts on recompetition from the Office of Management and Budget's recent Uniform Guidance updates as well as from the new audit compliance supplement.

Register, **here**

National CCAP Study Group

The first Zoom meeting of the National 2021 CCAP Study Group will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2020, beginning at 2:00 p.m. and adjourning at 4:00 p.m., EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME!

In this year of COVID-19, and wanting to keep everyone safe, the National 2021 CCAP Study Group will be virtual this fall: Four two-hour Zoom meetings.

Attendees are not required to have officially enrolled as CCAP candidates with the national Partnership.

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88939425042?pwd=S0ZOaE81dlZVVnByZUhZYitUVDFWUT09

Meeting ID: 889 3942 5042

Passcode: 829440



NASCSP will be hosting its Annual Conference virtually September 29-October 2, 2020

The 2020 Annual Training Conference offers valuable opportunities for professionals from around the country to come together and discuss strategies

for meeting new challenges in improved performance, innovation, and accountability in the fight to change the face of poverty across the nation.

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