AUCD Network Call re: COVID-19

October 1, 2020, 4:00 pm eastern

Agenda

1. **Federal Update (John)**
2. Federal updates
3. [CMS Announces New Federal Funding for 33 States to Support Transitioning Individuals from Nursing Homes to the Community](https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-new-federal-funding-33-states-support-transitioning-individuals-nursing-homes)
4. [OSEP COVID-19 Q&A: Implementation of IDEA Part B provision of Services in the Current COVID-19 Environment](https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/qa-provision-of-services-idea-part-b-09-28-2020.pdf)
5. **Update on Federal legislative action (What has passed, what is coming, what we are/should we be advocating.) (Rylin)**
   1. [USDA](https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2020/09/21/usda-extends-wic-covid-19-flexibilities-duration-covid-19-public) has extended flexibilities for [WIC](https://www.nwica.org/blog/nwa-secures-continued-wic-flexibilities-throughout-covid-19-pandemic#.X3SWLmhKiUl) through duration of COVID-19 public health emergency
   2. [Congress Sustains Bipartisan Consensus for WIC, Child Nutrition Flexibilities](https://www.nwica.org/blog/congress-sustains-bipartisan-consensus-for-wic-child-nutrition-flexibilities#.X3SWkmhKiUl)
   3. [Request for Information on a Recommended Measure Set for Medicaid-Funded HCBS](https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/quality-improvement-initiatives/measuring-and-improving-quality-home-and-community-based-services-hcbs/index.html) (submit comments no later than October 19, 2020)
6. **Resource and solution sharing from network (Dawn)**
7. Discussion questions for the group:
   * 1. ACL is collaborating with Dept. of Education on concerns related to decreased access to special education services due to the pandemic, and is seeking any available information on innovations that are successful in addressing the problem.
        1. Are there success stories to share on the topic, anywhere on the continuum from eligibility determination through service delivery?
     2. ACL is also seeking information regarding any difficulties transitioning to community settings, due to visitation policies in place in hospitals, nursing homes, and other institutional settings.
        1. Are there stories or experiences to share on this topic?
     3. AUCD’s new National Technical Assistance and Training Center on Disability Inclusion in Emergency Preparedness
        1. The CDC-sponsored TA Center, funded with supplementary COVID dollars is developing a national campaign: *Prepared4All*. It will link disability organizations and individuals with emergency management agencies, public health professionals, and health provider organizations on a local level. Trainees from AUCD network centers and programs may get involved as “Disability Inclusion Coaches” to support this linking.
     4. Discussion topics from network

1. **Highlighted resources (all in Dropbox for AUCD COVID Resource Library) (Dawn)**
   1. From the CDC:
      1. [Monitoring and evaluation checklist for K-12 schools re: COVID-19 mitigation strategies](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/monitoring-evaluation-checklist-k-12.html)
      2. [COVID-19 Parental Resources Kit](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/parental-resource-kit/index.html)
      3. [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/downloads/COVID-19-Vaccination-Program-Interim_Playbook.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
      4. [Autism and Vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/autism.html)
      5. [Considerations for Holiday Celebrations](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html)
   2. [Best Practices for Online Learning](https://sponsored.chronicle.com/Institutional-Resources-for-Online-Learning/index.html?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWkROallqazNOR1F4Wm1abCIsInQiOiJaR3JcL2paR2VHbForZXJFUDBONnZlQW5Lamtnd01OZkZtTTVHMmVUYXdqdm9aRFMydThRaWdzckJLdWY2OVZJWlV1S1V4eEU2RW5kS2tEUENsdkJQZ21GaUNvcGFpRXZ1ZFdOdkdyOFAycUl6QWFiMGlrdzl3TnBVUHNBU0oySlgifQ%3D%3D#group-Virtual-Events-vGIhEsfynD) from HP
   3. [In Pursuit of an Equitable Start: Leveraging and Expanding Public Funding to Support a More Equitable Recovery for Young Children, Families, and Child Care Workers](https://www.thinkbabies.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/PolicyLink_Brief.pdf) from Zero to Three Think Babies
   4. [National Council on Disability (NCD) makes recommendations on COVID-19 vaccine framework](https://ncd.gov/newsroom/2020/ncd-makes-recommendations-covid-19-vaccine-framework)
   5. [Does the measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV) vaccine protect children, and does it cause harmful effect?](https://www.cochrane.org/CD004407/ARI_does-measles-mumps-rubella-and-varicella-mmrv-vaccine-protect-children-and-does-it-cause-harmful) (Cochrane review)
   6. [Funding Opportunity – Addressing Needs of People with Disabilities during COVID-19](https://www.naccho.org/blog/articles/funding-opportunity-addressing-needs-of-people-with-disabilities-in-covid-19-local-preparedness-planning-mitigation-and-recovery-efforts?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) from NACCHO
   7. [Advancing the Response to COVID-19: Recorded Sessions and Resources](https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/Content.aspx?ID=17502&lvl=2&lvlid=12&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) from the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health (OMH)
   8. [Left Out – Barriers to Health Equity for Rural and Underserved Communities](https://waysandmeans.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/chairman-neal-and-ways-and-means-committee-democrats-release-report?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
   9. [The How Right Now Initiative](https://howrightnow.org/)
   10. Upcoming webinars/events:
       1. [Emerging Lessons from the COVID-19 Response](https://www.cvent.com/c/express/23771364-bad5-4497-8a16-f587e05fb142?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) from the National Network of Public Health Institutes (October 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET)
       2. [ADA National Network Learning Session: American Red Cross Disaster Response During the COVID-19 Pandemic](https://www.adapresentations.org/scheduleEM.php) (October 8, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. ET)
       3. [Addressing African American Health in the Age of COVID-19](https://bhmfallsummit.vfairs.com/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) hosted by Black Health Matters (October 10, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET)