

## Chat Log from April 30, 2020 MDDC Listening Session

11:14:14 From Connie Garcia : Did all of the CILs receive the Cares Act food boxes

11:14:48 From Eileen : I think that sharing of the website and knowing it was out there is so helpful and answers a lot of questions. Thank you!

11:17:08 From Angela Martin : How is an "independent living" plan defined? The word "independent" has so many definitions.

11:20:05 From Kara : Could you please repeat the name of the partner organization for technology

11:20:08 From Cindy Van Neste : What was that agency name for technology?

11:20:27 From Michael Bray : MDRC: Michigan Disability Rights Coalition

11:20:39 From Kara : Thank you!

11:20:49 From Michael Bray : MDRC's website:  
<https://www.copower.org/>

11:28:21 From Cindy Van Neste : Can the contact info be put in a note?

11:30:12 From Tedra Jackson : [www.michigan.gov/aasa](http://www.michigan.gov/aasa)

11:32:10 From Jenn Dubey : People can also check out the Area Agency on Aging Association of Michigan. We have the full list of Area Agencies by county with links to websites and contact information. [www.4ami.org](http://www.4ami.org)

11:33:25 From Connie Garcia : Is there a specific training program for the volunteers?

11:33:51 From Laurie Sauer : Sherri--just a reminder that not all AAAs may have the grocery pick up available. Some services are specific to each agency.

11:34:03 From Melissa Smith : What were the qualifications of kinship care again?

11:39:24 From Dawn Shoultz Opel :  
[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/Family\\_Wellness\\_Guide\\_FINAL\\_web\\_688650\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/Family_Wellness_Guide_FINAL_web_688650_7.pdf)

11:41:13 From Angela Martin : If a student with a disability is still receiving special education services and over 21, do they qualify for the school food programs?

11:44:11 From Angela Martin : Yes!

11:44:19 From Eileen Brandt : They absolutely do qualify!

11:44:46 From Angela Martin : Thank you for clarifying. This is a group that sometimes falls through the cracks of systems.

11:46:50 From Michael Bray : 888-544-8773

11:46:51 From Dawn Kinnell : Do we need to call then if someone's benefits were decreased in the last month on their Bridge card?

11:47:54 From Sheri is the Specialist : What if you did not receive that max amount?

11:48:31 From Blossom Combs : so we aren't getting the 194.00 dollar in may and June

11:50:10 From cscott : Did you indicate that an id is needed to access the summer food program and if so, is the id from the parent or for the student?

11:50:12 From lisa : do you have something in writing that discusses the 193.80 that can be shared with eligible families/students

11:51:58 From Blossom Combs : no I didn't and I am not a student

11:52:38 From collinsv1 : what if the child is on the headstart waiting list? are they still eligible for the money?

11:56:39 From Dawn Shoultz Opel : SNAP Outreach at Food Bank Council of Michigan > on facebook

11:57:20 From Blossom Combs : how long do we get food stamp during the pandemic as long as it last?

12:00:37 From Angela Martin : I think many pwd are getting the very minimum of food stamp benefits (\$16). With the COVID-19 enhancement of benefits, the additional funds has provided a benefit amount that can actually help and meet food needs. It is incredibly difficult to eat on \$16 p/month or \$4 per week.

12:00:54 From Area Agency on Aging Northwest Michigan : What are the challenges for food banks/FBCM keeping supplies available for community? How can this be helped?

12:01:24 From Angela Martin : Pwd: Persons with disabilities (sorry for the acronym)

12:02:25 From Sheri is the Specialist : How can one look at the deposits on their MI Bridges card?

12:02:30 From Angela Martin : Anna, Dawn: Thanks for all the great information.

12:03:50 From Connie Garcia : did all SNAP recipients get the additional funding or just students? Many of our MI Choice Waiver clients are only receiving \$16

12:04:33 From Blossom Combs : how do we get a box of food

12:04:43 From Anna Almanza- Food Bank Council of Michigan : 888-678-8914

12:05:02 From Dawn Shoultz Opel : [fbcmich.org/virtualfooddrive](http://fbcmich.org/virtualfooddrive)

12:09:47 From Anna Almanza- Food Bank Council of Michigan : To apply for SNAP: MI Bridges website> [www.michigan.gov/mibridges](http://www.michigan.gov/mibridges) or call 1-888-544-8773

12:10:30 From Area Agency on Aging Northwest Michigan : What if the mobile food bank doesn't reach an area? What information is needed from those who go to the mobile food bank? Is it First Come/First Serve?

12:11:56 From Diane : Are quarantine boxes available to seniors who live in Adult Foster Care homes?

12:16:25 From Rebecca LaLonde : Thank you so much for everyone who shared info today!

12:16:28 From Eileen Brandt : Thank you! Great pertinent information!

12:16:29 From Sheri is the Specialist : Thank you All!

12:16:42 From Yen Hoang to Michael Bray(Privately) : Thank you

12:16:47 From lisa : thank you!

12:16:58 From Connie Garcia : Thank you, this was so informative and helpful!!

12:17:04 From Dawn Kinnell : Thank you!

12:17:11 From Dawn Kinnell : Great info!!