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FIRST FRIDAY – updates and ideas to share

ACTION ITEMS:

- APRIL 13 – 22 is the Easter/Passover break for your legislators. You are encouraged to reach out to them to schedule site visits and share key legislative priorities with them. Click on the two bullet points below for information and talking points.
 - [Children's Residential Mental Health Deficiency Funding](#)
 - [Say Yes & Invest!](#)
- OutFront Minnesota is encouraging health care providers to sign on in support of the Mental Health Protections Act, which would ban conversion therapy for LGBTQ adolescents and adults. [Sign-on here.](#)

NOTEWORTHY DATES

- MEMBER MEETING – **MARCH 14 and 15**, Delta Hotel in Northeast Minneapolis. Registration link to be posted on webpage shortly.

- FOSTER YOUTH DAY ON THE HILL – **MARCH 8**. Sponsored by the MN Youth Leadership Council, Family Alternatives, North Homes and others.
 - 9:00 am – Youth Summit at Capitol Ridge Hotel
 - 1:30 pm – Rally in the Capitol Building Rotunda
- LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES: **MARCH 15** is the deadline for bills to move out of their original chamber. They need to move out of the other chamber by **MARCH 29**. Committees must approve appropriation and finance bills by **APRIL 12**.
- SAVE THE DATE! HBO's new documentary film, *Foster*, will have a premier in Minnesota, scheduled tentatively for **APRIL 22**. AspireMN and QPI MN are sponsoring this exciting event, so stay tuned for more details.

FEDERAL UPDATES

- Read about the potential for [another government shutdown](#), from the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities.

MN LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

- Click here to read the [Updated AspireMN Legislative Agenda](#)
- If you or your staff would like to be part of the quick response Advocacy Action Team, please send contact information to AspireMN staff and you will be included in this unique opportunity to participate in short turn-around opportunities to bring voice to AspireMN priorities for children, youth and families.

- 2019 Legislative Update Calls – You are invited to join brief calls to update you on legislative activities and the status of AspireMN proposals. Calls will occur 9:00 - 9:15 every other Monday, beginning January 14. Conference call number: 641-715-3200, Passcode: 323654#
- The Youth Services Network (YSN) has written a white paper titled "Responding to Youth Homelessness - So All Youth Experience Safety, Stability and Opportunity" that you can [read here](#).
- AspireMN and a number of other organizations have signed on in support of repealing the repeal of the Provider Tax, which supports the Healthcare Access Fund. [You can read the letter here](#).
- Children’s mental and behavioral health services are needed more now than possibly ever, according to several testifiers at a [joint meeting of the House Education Policy Committee and House Education Finance Division](#).

FIELD-RELATED UPDATES

- [DHS Bulletin: Consumer Credit Reports for Youth in Foster Care](#)
- [CTSS – New Website and Certification Process](#)
- DHS has made the following update to the MHCP Provider Manual – [Early Intensive Development and Behavioral Intervention \(EIDBI\) Benefit](#).
- Health Equity Pathfinders Group

- United States of Care has contracted with Wilder to identify effective strategies for eliminating health inequities in Minnesota. They are looking for qualified individuals from across the State of Minnesota, representing diverse communities lived experiences, and expertise to join the Health Equity Pathfinders Group. Members will bring experience working on health equity initiatives in a variety of contexts and will bring on-the-ground knowledge about effective systems change strategies.
- If this is of interest to you or someone at your organization, reach out to Kirsten Johnson at Wilder:
kirsten.johnson@wilder.org 651-280-2492
- DHS made the following update to the MHCP Provider Manual – Mental Health Services – [Intensive Treatment in Foster Care – We corrected the number of units of service from 78 to 72 under Authorization for ITFC services. Authorization is required after 72 units of service.](#)
- [DHS posted new Provider News and archived December 25, 2018 – January 7, 2019 News.](#)

UPCOMING EVENT:

Please join us!

Recognizing Trauma:

Beyond Stigma, Toward Understanding

Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Woulfe Alumni Hall at University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, MN

Recognizing Trauma:

Why does it matter, what does it have to do with me, and how does it affect our community?

We all experience trauma in our lives.

Whether it's divorce, the loss of a loved one or violence in the home, our experiences shape how we view and navigate the world. Those without a strong support system to help them navigate these challenging experiences face potential changes in brain development, health outcomes and lifelong instability.

Join the Catholic Charities Advocacy Team to learn from a panel of experts how childhood, historical and current trauma can alter those who are dealing with it, our society and the role the community plays in supporting one another.

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