



**AspireMN**

An association of resources and advocacy for children, youth and families

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**November 2, 2018**

**FIRST FRIDAY – updates and ideas to share**

**MN LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY**

**GOTV!** Tuesday is Election Day! Please encourage everyone to vote. Go to [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org) for more information.

**Family First Prevention Services Act** was discussed at the State Legislative Task Force on Child Protection on Oct 22, presentations available [here](#). Legislators demonstrated keen interest in the opportunities seen in FFPSA, and, appropriate caution due to the significant systemic changes that will impact Minnesota. This discussion was a positive indication of the great appetite the state has for positive reform, and the wisdom held in the same conversation on the importance of a well-studied approach.

Casey Family Programs initiated a process November 1 to establish a blueprint for action to implement FFPSA in Minnesota. Gathered to develop the first blush were stakeholders from State Government, Counties, the Tribes and AspireMN as a provider voice. The conclusion of the meeting was to continue on the path set at the meeting to develop: relationships, a vision, stakeholder engagement and a living blueprint for MN's planned implementation. AspireMN looks forward to future opportunities to contribute to these important planning processes. Within the association, discussions will be ongoing – at AspireMN Member Meetings and within committee structures to provide generative feedback and recommendations for FFPSA implementation in MN.

**FEDERAL UPDATES**

**The Proposed Public Charge Rule** has generated significant response from community members, service providers and other leaders concerned about preventing new immigrants from accessing critical services. Wilder hosted a discussion in October that generated significant attendance with interest in gaining information and action steps. Two items for AspireMN members:

- Immigrant Law Center of MN has developed Public Charge information for Beneficiaries in a variety of languages. Please share the resources posted here widely: <https://www.ilcm.org/immigration-resources/public-charge/>

- The public comment on this proposed rule runs through December 10, 2018. Those with concern on the impact of the proposal can submit comments by following these steps:

1. GO TO: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=USCIS-2010-0012-0001>
2. Click on the blue box at right that says “COMMENT NOW!”
3. Visit the comment resources at [www.protectingimmigrantfamilies.org](http://www.protectingimmigrantfamilies.org)

These resources are available thanks to the leadership of Legal Aid and Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota.

## EVENTS

### Nov 7 – AspireMN Pre-Member Meetings:

- Quality Parenting Initiative Consultation with Youth Law Center Experts, 2-4 pm at Family Alternatives or via zoom.
- PRTF Capacity Enhancement Discussion, discussion with DHS and Stakeholders, 3-4:30 pm at AspireMN offices or phone/zoom.

**AspireMN Annual Member Meeting and Awards Luncheon** will be held Nov 8 and 9 at the Radisson North in St Paul. Agenda and registration are available at [www.aspiremn.org](http://www.aspiremn.org).

## DON'T MISS THIS!

### Support Group for Parents of a Child with a Mental Illness – NAMI invitation

NAMI has been working hard to make support groups accessible to all families throughout the state, especially in greater MN. Please share the flyer posted on the AspireMN homepage with families who could benefit. Thank you!

### Family Focused Treatment Association Call for Proposals – Conference July 28-31

Experienced and dynamic presenters from the fields of child welfare, family-based treatment and community-based services are invited to submit workshop proposals for the 33rd Annual Conference, hosted by the Family Focused Treatment Association (FFTA). The FFTA Conference Committee is interested in receiving proposals for advanced-level workshops on topics geared toward clinicians; agency CEOs and other senior-level staff; program managers and directors; supervisors; administrative staff; foster parent trainers; researchers and evaluators; and resource families. The Call for Proposals suggests topics of interest to professionals attending our conference. Proposals are due on Wednesday, December 12, 2018.

[Download Call for Proposals](#)

## FIELD-RELATED UPDATES

### From the DHS Mental Health Updates

The following information changed on the [MHCP Provider](#) website:

We made the following update to the MHCP Provider – Mental Health Services – [Telemedicine Delivery of Mental Health Services](#):

- We added an [Overview section](#) to provide more information including a definition of telemedicine and when services can be provided by telemedicine.
- We updated the [Eligible Providers section](#): Eligible providers are mental health professionals who are qualified under MN Statute 245.462 Subd. 18 or mental health practitioners working under the supervision of a mental health professional. To be eligible for reimbursement, providers must self-attest that they meet all of the conditions of the MHCP telemedicine policy by completing the Provider Assurance Statement for Telemedicine (DHS-6806) (PDF).
- We added a [Covered Services section](#): MHCP covers medically necessary mental health services delivered by a healthcare provider via telemedicine. This includes coverage limitations of three services by telemedicine per calendar week per recipient.
- We updated the [Noncovered Services section](#): The following services may not be conducted via telemedicine: Children's day treatment, Partial hospitalization programs, Mental health residential treatment services, Case management services delivered to children. See the individual mental health service provider manual page for other limitations
- In the [Billing section](#) we added to use the place of service code 02 to indicate the service was provided via telemedicine.

## **First Episode Psychosis services expand**

First Episode Psychosis (FEP) pilot services for adolescents and young adults are now available in northeastern Minnesota.

[Human Development Center in Duluth](#) will recruit and work with individuals and families experiencing a first episode of psychosis. The Human Development Center joins Hennepin Health and M Health (University of Minnesota Psychiatry) in offering early intervention and intensive treatment to persons who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing FEP.

Reducing the time it takes for a person experiencing psychosis to get treatment is important because early treatment often means a successful recovery. FEP includes medication management, psychoeducation for the individual and family, employment supports, education supports, cognitive behavioral approaches, social skills training, crisis planning, stress management, case management, and peer support.

The FEP pilot runs for 2-years, from April 2018 until March 2020. The program is State funded.

To inquire about services for yourself or a family member, please contact HDC at 218.302.8734 and ask for the First Episode Psychosis Program. [More information about FEP](#)

## **Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare has published SEVEN new training module series!**

CASCW's online modules are self-directed learning opportunities for child welfare professionals, foster parents, advocates, and others interested in child welfare topics. All modules are accessible online (via YouTube) for free. Completion Certificates are available for each module series.

- [Parents with Disabilities in Child Welfare](#)
- [What Works for Addiction in Child Welfare?](#)
- [Siblings in Foster Care: Assessment Considerations for Child Welfare Professionals](#)
- [\(New Module added to series\) Recovering from Moral Injury: The perspectives of Professionals and Parents involved with the Child Welfare System](#)
- [Crossover Youth: Implications for Research and Practice](#)
- [Refugee Families in Minnesota and their Experiences in the Child Welfare System](#)
- [Risks and Protections for Black Girls' Receipt of Out-of-School Suspensions](#)

## **FREE WEBINAR FROM UST: How to Prepare for the NEW Not-for-Profit Accounting Standards, Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PDT)**

Last year, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-14, which contains significant changes to not-for-profit accounting standards—focusing on improving, enhancing and simplifying financial statement reporting requirements. Join Tamara Graham, Senior Manager at Lindquist, LLP, to learn how your nonprofit can begin to prepare your accounting and financial reporting systems for these important changes. This [webinar](#) will explore the following topics:

- Displaying the current three fund categories of Unrestricted, Temporarily Restricted and Permanently Restricted funds has changed to two fund categories of “Funds without Donor Restrictions” and “Funds with Donor Restrictions.”
- Requiring the use of a classified balance sheet and allowing for display of assets with limited use.
- Requiring that information provided about expenses for the period will be presented both by functional and natural classifications for all not-for-profits.
- Additional disclosures on liquidity and other items.

If you're a 501(c)(3), responsible for accounting and financial reporting processes at your nonprofit, [sign up today](#) as space is limited!

## **ASPIRATIONAL INVITATION to UMOJA MN from Alisa Matheson of EVOLVE Adoption & Family Services**

We are excited to share an upcoming family camp opportunity for parents raising black children. UMOJA MN is a weekend Black Heritage camp created to empower adoptive, kinship, and foster families, who are raising Black children. Parents will gain tools to navigate lifelong

racial awareness, become more knowledgeable of basic skin and hair care for Black children and get a chance to engage with the beauty of Black culture. Campers get to build relationships with other Black campers and learn from teachers, artists, experts and entrepreneurs of color, while building positive racial identity development and having a safe place for honest conversation about race.

It will be offered four times in 2019, January, March, June & August, both locally and farther out into Minnesota. UMOJA MN is the only culture camp of this nature in Minnesota and one of only four nationwide. While only three days in length, it is our hope that this camp will springboard families into a lifelong pursuit of cultural competency; equipped to address subtle and overt forms of racism.

*Don't let finances stop your families as scholarships ARE available for foster and kinship foster families, before or after finalization!*

If you have a family who has more questions or you do yourself, please reach out. I am more than happy to talk with folks, or come out to an upcoming training/meeting/get together of your adoptive, kinship, foster families or even staff at your agency/county. Check out the website for more information, camp dates & to register - <https://umojamn.org/>, or contact Alisa Matheson, [amatheson@evolveservices.org](mailto:amatheson@evolveservices.org).

***First Fridays will be shared monthly with members. Contributions are welcome.  
Please send your ideas for content to [rpeterson@aspiremn.org](mailto:rpeterson@aspiremn.org).***