AGENDA: DHS COVID PROGRAMMING

- Overview
- Vulnerable Population Protection Plan (VP3)
- Childcare Emergency Operations Grants (CEOG)
- Emergency Rent Bridge (ERB)
- Homelessness, Domestic Violence + Food Insecurity
- Behavioral Health
- Telehealth
- Medicaid
Human Services Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information and Resources

ND Human Services Open Letter to Stakeholders regarding COVID-19 (March 18, 2020)

Behavioral Health

Resources for Individuals and Families
Financial help and other resources

Provider Q & A
Answers to FAQ by program area for providers of services funded through the department.

Housing and Homelessness
Resources about housing and homelessness

Program & Policy Changes
Program changes made in response to COVID-19

News & Notices
Notices and department press releases on COVID-19

Provider Resources
Sample guidance and other resources for providers of child care, foster care, developmental disabilities services and other services, and QSRs and Medicaid providers.

Child Care Providers
Guidance and recommendations and information about the Child Care Emergency Operation Grant (CCEOG) program.

For IMPORTANT COVID-19 HEALTH INFORMATION, visit the N.D. Department of Health Website. Find other agency COVID-19 information: NDResponse.gov
VULNERABLE POPULATION PROTECTION PLAN (VP3)

Chris Jones
VULNERABLE POPULATION PROTECTION PLAN

- Focus is on congregate housing
- Enhanced efforts to support providers
- Hired LTC/Hospital leadership team
- Created connection to testing team
- Enhanced partnership between providers and state
- Created protocols to guide efforts
Childcare Emergency Operating Grant
Jessica Thomasson
Childcare is an essential service
All businesses need childcare
Childcare is not a model that can withstand disruption
Our ability to keep people working is dependent on childcare

To help address childcare needs in ND

Modified Operating Practices
Prioritize Health, Safety & Lifeline Workers
Childcare Emergency Op Grant to support continuity of service
71%  
ND children age 0-5 with all parents in workforce

78%  
ND children age 6-12 with all parents in workforce
As of April 10

572

ND child care programs from 49 counties opted in to the Emergency Operating Grant program

51%

CEOG recipients represent 51% of the total capacity of licensed child care spots in ND
771
ND child care programs from 51 counties opted in to the Emergency Operating Grant program

71%
CEOG recipients represent 71% of the total capacity of licensed child care spots in ND
March 23
Announce ND approach to childcare health, safety & stabilization

March 26
Modified operating practices & Childcare Emergency Operating Grant

March 30
Transition to new operating practices

April 10
First CEOG payments to providers

May 11
Extended availability of CEOG through July 3
EMERGENCY RENT BRIDGE
Jessica Thomasson
Emergency Rent Assistance available for up to 3 months (if qualified and resources are available)

Renter is the applicant for assistance.
- Max 60% of area median income (determined based on most recent 30 days income)
- Have a valid lease
- Assets no greater than 3x monthly rent
- Economic hardship that is COVID-related

If renter is deemed eligible for ERB, payment will be made directly to housing provider
- Renter is required to pay 30% of their income toward housing costs
- ERB will pay the balance due

As of June 1
1,040 applications are pre-qualified and under review
- 22 counties
- Avg monthly rent $873
- 32% of applicants are single person households
- 14% of applicants have been approved for Unemployment Insurance
- 10% had received an eviction notice at the point of application
## BACKGROUND

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162 Individuals Sheltered

41 COVID +
Behavioral Health Resources during COVID-19

www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/covid-19
News about the coronavirus (COVID-19) is everywhere and concern over this virus can result in families feeling anxious. Parents, family members, and other trusted adults play an important role in helping children make sense of what they hear in a way that is honest, accurate, and minimizes anxiety or fear.
EMERGENCY GRANT TO ADDRESS MENTAL AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS DURING COVID-19

April 2020 - August 2021
$2 million

Increased treatment and recovery services for:
- Individuals with a mental illness and/or substance use disorder
- Healthcare practitioners with a mental illness
CRISIS COUNSELING PROGRAM (CCP)
IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ISP)

Through June 30, 2020 (potential to extend an additional 7 months)
Short-term disaster relief and crisis counseling services
COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANTS

NORTH DAKOTA SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION 5/22/2020

$800,000 for 16 months in advancing efforts to prevent suicide and suicide attempts among adults age 25 and older in order to reduce the overall suicide rate.
- Retained core set of staffing at all HSC
- Expanded from 71 to over 350 providers
- Purchased smartphones for clients without access
- Expanded on-site telehealth for walk-in clients
- Expanded Tele-forensic assessment at State Hospital
MEDICAID COVID-19 FLEXIBILITIES

- 1135 waiver
- Disaster State Plan Amendments
- Appendix K for Home and Community and DD waivers
- FMAP increase and Maintenance of Effort requirements
- North Dakota Medicaid temporary COVID-19 policies: telemedicine and DME.
COVID-19 RELATED GUIDANCE AND TEMPORARY POLICIES

- Changes to member eligibility during the national emergency are outlined here: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/docs/covid-19-faq-temporary-fmap.pdf
- Changes to provider enrollment, for providers who are enrolling to provide COVID-19 related services during the national emergency, are outlined here: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/docs/covid-19-faq-temporary-provider-enrollment-process.pdf
- Additional provider Q&A documents can be found at http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/provider-q-a.html