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PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

President Signs Youth Suicide Prevention Law
On March 15, President Biden signed into law the Suicide Training and Awareness Nationally Delivered for Universal Prevention (STANDUP) Act. It was first introduced by Representative Scott Peters (D-CA) and Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) in 2019, reintroduced by Representatives Peters and Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) in January 2021, and passed the House with strong bipartisan support (349-74) four months later. It was then championed across the Hill by Senators Maggie Hassan (D-MH) and Joni Ernst (R-IA), and passed unanimously. Continue reading

**House Energy & Commerce Panel Hearing on Suicide Prevention, Youth Mental Health**

As we continue to catch up on a flurry of Congressional hearings on mental health issues and legislation, we report today on “Americans in Need: Responding to the National Mental Health Crisis.” Held on February 17 in the Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, the hearing examined the growing crisis during the COVID-19 public health emergency, focusing in particular on how different populations have been affected in different ways, calling for thoughtful solutions. Keep Reading

**New Blueprint for Youth Suicide Prevention**

A collaboration of experts from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has produced a new Blueprint for Youth Suicide Prevention to support pediatric health professionals in identifying strategies and partnerships to support children and teens at risk for suicide. The blueprint represents the first major interdisciplinary effort to infuse suicide risk-reducing strategies into pediatric care and youth community settings. Continue Reading

**Reports for Provider Relief Fund Period 2 are Due March 31**

The Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Reporting Portal will close on Thursday, March 31 for Reporting Period 2. Providers who received one or more PRF payments exceeding $10,000 in the aggregate, between July 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, must report on their use of those funds no later than March 31. The first step is to register in the Portal, if you have not already. More information and
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Career Opportunities at Devereux Direct Care Training Resources

Devereux Direct Care Training Resources (DCTR), founded in 1991 at Devereux's national office in Villanova, Pennsylvania, develops and implements competency-based, empirically-supported programs for staff learning and performance. The programs are provided for trainers, first-line personnel, and supervisory staff, in both basic and train-the-trainer formats. DCTR is currently recruiting for several key positions. Please see the attached flyer with links for more information on the career opportunities and how to apply.

Social Current to Hold First Town Hall of 2022

Tuesday, April 5 @ 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Eastern

NACBH members who missed COA and Social Current CEO Jody Levison-Johnson at last month's Best Practices Committee meeting can catch her at Social Current's first Town Hall planned for this year. She will share a look back at key 2021 milestones, provide updates on plans for year ahead, and answer any questions you might have.

Register here for the Town Hall (leaving “Choose one” in the box asking for the registrant's relationship with COA/Social Current if none of the drop-down choices apply – the Town Hall is open to all interested). Separately, our recorded conversation with Jody is available on the Best Practices Committee page, behind the NACBH member login.

Family First: Prevention Clearinghouse Posts New Ratings

The IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse has posted 15 new ratings and added several interventions to the queue for first-time or re-review. In addition, a search feature has been added to the Find a Program or Service page, allowing users to identify interventions by name, type and/or rating. NACBH's chart of interventions that have been reviewed or are currently in the queue is available
Chapin Hall Releases Implementation Guide for Motivational Interviewing

Chapin Hall, the independent policy research center at the University of Chicago, has released a new tool for child welfare agencies and providers implementing Motivational Interviewing (MI) under the Family First Prevention Services Act. MI is one of four “well-supported” IV-E interventions for substance use disorders, the highest rating available, and one of only 13 interventions of all types to receive that rating by the IV-E Prevention Clearinghouse. Continue Reading

OJJDP Announces Upcoming Youth Reentry Webinars

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is sponsoring a number of webinars related to serving youth returning to their communities from secure settings:

- **Honoring Trauma: Serving Returning Youth with Traumatic Brain Injuries**
  Tuesday, April 12 @ 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Eastern

- **Culturally Responsive Behavioral Health Reentry Programming**
  Tuesday, April 12 @ 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern

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