

Children and Youth: COVID-19 Listening Session

Resources

The past few weeks have brought significant and unprecedented changes to our lives and work. While everyone is impacted by the COVID-19 public health crisis, the impact is far greater on people from underserved communities, including children and youth. Prior to COVID-19, children and youth were already underserved by victim services despite experiencing higher rates of victimization. They also have access to fewer resources, which compounds the challenges they already face and the new challenges created by COVID-19.

To ensure children and youth are at the center of all COVID-19 response efforts, we sought to better understand the impact this health crisis is having on survivors' needs and better resource the crime victim services field to respond to their needs.

Through the children and youth listen session some of the unique challenges facing survivors from this underserved community surfaced. In addition, promising strategies and resources were shared. This document is a compilation of those strategies and resources.

Child Abuse Reporting

- National Children’s Alliance developed [a brief on child abuse reporting](#) this for Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) working with the media on awareness.
- [Safe2Say Something](#) is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General.
- [Darkness to light](#)
- Missouri Kids First launched their [#Essential4Kids campaign](#) with resources for reporting child abuse.

Tele-mental health, Tele-health Resources, Tele-forensic Interviewing

- [National Children’s Alliance Covid-19 Resources](#)
- [Western Regional CAC Tele-mental health resource page](#)
- [Baltimore Children’s Advocacy Center Tele-FI resources](#)

Virtual Therapy Engagement

- [The National Child Traumatic Stress Network resources for working with families and children who've experienced trauma and child abuse prevention](#)
- [National Child Traumatic Stress Network Covid-19 resource](#)

Parents and Caregivers

- [National Child Advocacy Center response to COVID-19](#)
- [National Child Advocacy Center COVID-19 – Toolkit English](#)
- [National Child Advocacy Center COVID-19 – Toolkit Español](#)
- [Suffolk Child Advocacy Center COVID-19 Support](#)
- [The National Child Traumatic Stress Network Outbreak Factsheet](#)
- [The National Child Traumatic Stress Network Supporting Children COVID-19 Factsheet](#)
- [The National Child Traumatic Stress Network Activities for Children and Adolescents](#)
- [Big Life Journal Engaging Resources for Kids](#)

Personal and Organizational Well-Being

- [Recorded conversation with Francoise Mathieu on well-being](#)
- [TEND Academy has great resources to address Vicarious Trauma \(VT\) / Secondary Traumatic Stress \(STS\)](#)
- [People Incorporated is offering a Free Training Opportunity - Resiliency Skills amid COVID19](#)

Staying Connected to and Serving Your Community

- We have been getting small care packages together for our clients and those that we know could use items. these include snacks, drinks, sidewalk chalk, scavenger hunt ideas, jump ropes, card and board games for kids, small things that can keep kids busy that may not have anything to keep them entertained.
- [The National Child Traumatic Stress Network Activities for Children and Adolescents](#)
- Our community has also done a bear hunt where a local person has read the book on Facebook live (going on a bear hunt) and many people and businesses have placed teddy bears in their windows or yard to be "Hunted"
- For April we have also done something similar in that they are on a Pinwheel hunt for child abuse awareness
- Volunteers have transitioned from their usual tasks to making face masks for our frontline staff
- One state is doing some sort of wellness activity each Monday. This week they all made pinwheels together, including with kids at home!

COVID-19 Response Grants to Help CACs/Other Nonprofits

- [Council of Non-Profits COVID-19 Grant](#)
- [Candid Coronavirus Funds](#)