



Ask the Director, Chief Deputy Director, and Deputy Director

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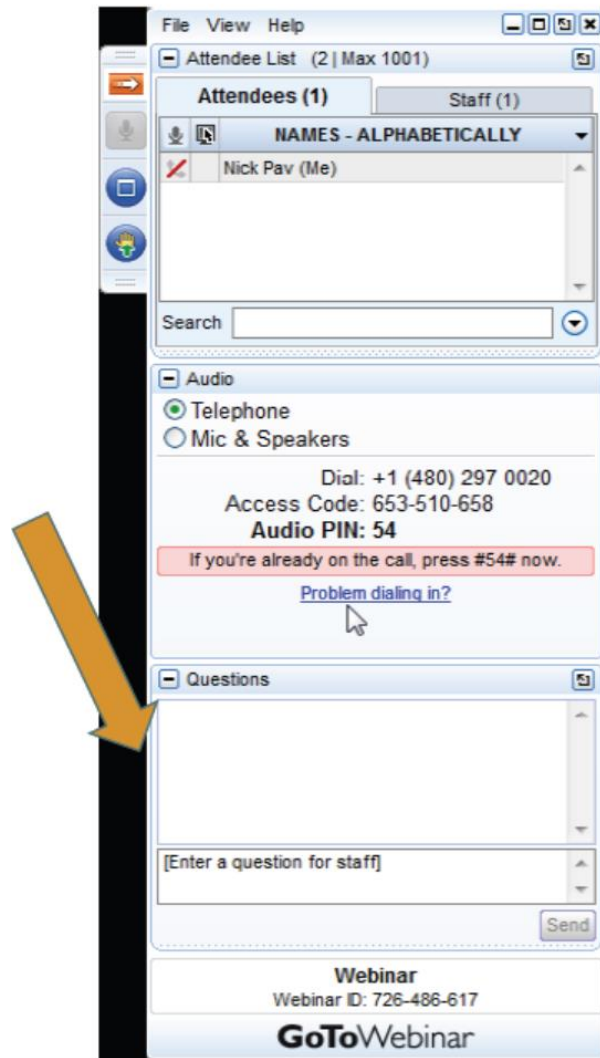
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Logistics

- Slides and supporting materials, including webinar recording, will be available at <https://kids-alliance.org/resources/>
- All attendees are muted during webinar.
- Please submit questions using the “Questions” function on your GotoWebinar dashboard.
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Overview of Pandemic Response: Hearing from CDSS



Lessons Learned

What lessons did you learn in the first days and months of the pandemic and how have they shaped your ongoing response?

A group of four young children are shown from the chest up, laughing and smiling joyfully. They are dressed in casual clothing, including a white shirt with stars and a white dress with polka dots. The background is slightly blurred, suggesting an indoor setting.

Information Sharing

How is CDSS sharing information about any new rules, programs, and services directly with caregivers and families?

Where do we get this information, so we know what to ask for and what is available?

Financial Supports

Are there additional financial supports or other supports for caregivers who can no longer work because of school closures?





Caregiver Support

Caregivers have concerns regarding visits with biological parents and risk of COVID-19 exposure. What is the Department doing to address these visitation issues to keep caregivers and children safe?

Pandemic Modifications to RFA Processes

- What efforts are being made to modify the RFA process with respect of COVID-19 to ensure approvals are not delayed?

Mental Wellness Support

What mental health support services are available for caregivers and the children in their care during the COVID-19 state of emergency?



A young boy with short dark hair is raising his right hand in a classroom. He is wearing a dark t-shirt with a graphic. The background is blurred, showing other students. The image is split vertically: the left side is a warm, golden-brown color, and the right side is a dark, muted green color.

Raise Your Hand to Ask Additional Questions

TYPE YOUR QUESTION INTO THE “QUESTION BOX” AND
CLICK “RAISE YOUR HAND”

Additional Resources

SUPPORTING CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN FOSTER CARE

www.nca.org.uk

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General Resources

- **California Coronavirus Response Website:**
<https://covid19.ca.gov/>
- **California Department of Public Health:**
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2JzIMU2EntjU12yXw8YwXxbrfAmORTw43xaDVuXVZj7sf03t53jb1bgCk>
- **Covered CA:** <https://www.coveredca.com/>
- **Centers for Disease Control COVID 19 page:**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- **Western Center on Law and Poverty COVID 19 Information:** <https://wclp.org/covid-19-coronavirus-information-response-and-considerations/>

Child Welfare Resources

- **CDSS COVID-19 Resources:** <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/#covid19>
- **Alliance for Children's Rights:** https://kids-alliance.org/resources/?jet-smart-filters=jet-engine/resourcesgrid&meta_query_resources-cat%7Cis_custom_checkbox=COVID-19
- **When you can't be there in person:** <https://haralambie.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/When-You-Cant-Be-Therein-Person.pdf>
- **Youth Law Center Making Emergency Plans With Youth in Foster Care:** <https://ylc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/YLC-Toolkit-for-Emergency-Planning-with-Youth-in-Congregate-Care.pdf>
- **Los Angeles Opportunity Youth Collaborative (LAOYC) Fact Sheet for Foster Youth:** https://kids-alliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OYC_COVID19-info.pdf
- **Center for Parent & Teen Communication:** <https://parentandteen.com/>
- **Counties Participating in Courtesy Supervision:** <https://www.cwda.org/county-tools/counties-participating-courtesy-supervision>
- **Child Welfare COVID:** childwelfarecovid.org

- **Income Benefits for Transition Aged Youth:** <https://www.jbaforyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Student-income-resources-4.10.20.pdf>
- **California Employment Development Department COVID-19:** https://www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm
- **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance:** https://edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019/pandemic-unemployment-assistance.htm
- **Benefits.Gov COVID-19 Support:** <https://www.benefits.gov/help/faq/Coronavirus-resources>
- **IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief:** <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus-tax-relief-and-economic-impact-payments>

Benefits and Financial Support Resources

Substance Abuse Resources

- **AA Meetings in California:**
<https://alcoholicsanonymous.com/aa-meetings/california/>
- **NA Meetings in California:**
<https://www.narcotics.com/na-meetings/california/>
- **Resources for emotional support and well being:** <https://covid19.ca.gov/resources-for-emotional-support-and-well-being/>

- **Helping Children Cope in Emergencies:**
<https://www.cdc.gov/childrenindisasters/helping-children-cope.html>
- **Resources for Supporting Children's Emotional Needs During the COVID-19 Epidemic:**
<https://www.childtrends.org/publications/resources-for-supportingchildrens-emotional-well-being-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>
- **National Institute of Mental Health Coping With Traumatic Events:**
<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/coping-with-traumatic-events/index.shtml>
- **National Institute of Mental Health Tips for Talking With Your Health Care Provider:**
<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/tips-for-talking-with-your-health-care-provider/index.shtml>
- **Build a Teen Stress Management Plan:**
<https://parentandteen.com/teen-stress-management-plan/>
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness:** <https://www.nami.org/covid-19-guide>

Mental Health Resources

- **National Association for Counsel of Children:**
<https://www.naccchildlaw.org>
- **American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law:**
www.americanbar.org
- **Family Justice Initiative:** www.familyjusticeinitiative.org
- **Judicial Council of California:** www.courts.ca.gov

Legal Resources

Thank You

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