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July 2020



United Way's Relief Call Center powered by Driving The Dream

- 288 requests total (April - July 3)
- 147 calls received June
- Top requests:
 - Income (104)
 - Shelter/Housing (82)
 - Food & Nutrition (31)
 - Employment (12)
 - Healthcare (14)

Mid-South COVID-19 Regional Response Fund Phase 2

In its second phase of funding, running July to September, the Community Foundation will award Mid-South COVID-19 Regional Response Fund grants to stabilize nonprofit organizations that are directly responding to the significant consequences of, and disparities exacerbated by, this public health crisis.

Mid-South nonprofits can apply for grant funding in two categories:

- Direct Service Operational Support through sponsored participation in three cohort-based programs for fundraising, human resources, or risk management. [Learn more](#)
- Operating Support (grants up to \$50,000) for nonprofits directly responding to the target populations most impacted by the consequences of this outbreak. The application process opens July 8. [Learn more](#)

Now Available: Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)

Under the new P-EBT program, families of children who receive free or reduced meals at school or attend a Community Eligibility Provision school may receive financial assistance to replace school meals during the months of March, April and May due to COVID-19 school closures. The program will provide parents with \$5.70 per child for each day that child qualifies for P-EBT.

- **Parents who already receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits currently, do not need to apply.** The funds began arriving on the EBT card of current recipients, if eligible, beginning June 12.
- **Parents who do not receive SNAP or TANF benefits, but whose children do qualify for free or reduced school meals, will need to apply for P-EBT online beginning June 15. The application period has been extended to July 13, 2020 at 4:30 pm.** To apply, click [here](#).

Individuals who need assistance completing their P-EBT application or have general questions about the program are encouraged to call the TDHS hotline at 1-833-496-0661 and select option 3. For more information, visit TN Department of Human Services [online](#).

Qualifying families will receive P-EBT support in two installments, one for meals in March and April initially, and then one additional disbursement later next month for May meals.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Dress for Success Memphis - Join the women and volunteers of Dress for Success for an hour of networking and learning at these upcoming Virtual Workshops.

- **Racism, Sexism and Mass Trauma: Risk and Resilience** - [Register](#)

Driving The Dream Systems Training: CaseWorthy - [Register](#)

For assistance with the CaseWorthy system, including training and login issues, please contact Candace.Sanders@uwmidsouth.org. For all other questions or concerns related to DTD technical systems, please contact Eric.Burden@uwmidsouth.org.

Leadership Memphis invites you to join our Virtual Conversations as we talk about Leadership during COVID-19. View upcoming webinars and archives [here](#).

Momentum Nonprofit Partners and the Community Foundation are partnering to offer virtual trainings, free and open to any Mid-South nonprofit - [Register](#) for an upcoming session

Mid-South Nonprofit Virtual Summit 2020 - This year's virtual summit will examine the dynamic and uncharted trajectory for nonprofits in light of the coronavirus pandemic and civil unrest - Now & Beyond. Whether during triage in a crisis, sustaining in recovery, or thriving with resilience, it is critical for organizations and leaders to engage in advocacy, action, and asking.

Get help with the challenges and opportunities that are unique to you and your organization. We offer an extensive selection of trainings and networking, aimed at sharing knowledge, building leadership skills and providing tools and techniques that help you respond effectively to the needs of the community and the demand for accountability. [Register](#)

Partner Agency Updates

For now, almost all of our DTD partner agencies are staying put and have not yet implemented plans to reopen. We will share status and reopening plans as they become available from our partners.

- **Shelby County Schools (SCS) Return Stronger S.A.F.E. Plan for 2021 School Re-Entry** - We are responding to parents' requests to provide multiple options for learning in 2020-21. We're allowing families to select one of the two learning options below for the 2020-21 fall semester based on the needs of their child and the format they feel will best support his/her learning. Be assured, the same instructional policies, curriculum standards and student supports will be provided in both formats. Parents must select an option from July 6-18 in PowerSchool. Choices will apply the entire fall semester. View options and learn more [here](#).
- **United Way's Free Tax Prep Program** - Individuals and families who qualify for Free Tax Prep – with incomes less than \$56,000 in 2019 – can file their taxes using the Drive-Thru Drop-Off operation at the United Way Plaza, 1005 Tillman Street. Volunteers will direct traffic. This service will continue through to July 15, except for Friday and Saturday, July 3rd & 4th. Our operating hours are Monday through Saturday, 10am - 2pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

DTD Updates

If your agency has an update to share, please email Chelsea.Brock@uwmidsouth.org or Karlescia.Brookins@uwmidsouth.org so we can maintain accurate information. Additionally, you can contact your associate to provide, or receive, updated information.

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