

## CS-TAC Coffee Hour Notes 4-15-20



Thanks for joining us at this week's CS-TAC Virtual Coffee Hour. Below you will find a recap of shared practices, resources, and future topics discussed. Thank you to all who shared their amazing work with us this week!

### Practices Shared

#### EPIC for Children, Buffalo

- Offers parenting, family engagement, & youth services
- Developing food response & new “modified” backpack food program called Community Gives Back. Will provide 1x/week local restaurant meal for families, using Go Fund Me for donations
- Parent liaisons assisting with family & parent engagement, check-and-connect calls & check ins
- Using Facebook live to run story hours, live events and resources

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<https://www.epicforchildren.org/>  
Parent Crisis Line (open to all areas): 716-332-4111

#### Catholic Charities, Sullivan County:

- Collaborative with Southern Care & Sullivan Agencies Leading Together (SALT) operating food provision, covering 8 districts, local restaurants providing family meals
- Catholic charities operating throughout New York State, currently operating numerous programs to assist families (substance abuse, immigration, food insecurity, personal hygiene, housing)

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Catholic Charities Helpline: [ccosuhelpline@cccsos.org](mailto:ccosuhelpline@cccsos.org)  
Mental Health Urgent Care Line: 888-750-2266  
SALT: <http://sullivanny.us/Departments/HealthandFamilyServices>

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### Best Self Behavioral Health, Niagara County:

- Clinicians operating with remote caseload, using agency laptops and phones to retain confidentiality
- Small in-person crew to provide needed services
- School Based Mental Health Clinics using tele-health, conducting lots of well checks
- Postcard initiative: sending out postcards with numbers to call for services, especially targeted at Tier II students trying to reach for check-ins & who may not have been connected with services
- Resource sharing: acknowledging this can be overwhelming, careful to provide manageable amount of resources
- DIY kits: 21st CCLC and Extended School Day putting together activity kits with all supplies, available during food pick up/delivery, day care centers

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### Broome-Tioga BOCES:

- Operating 62 food grab-n-go sites, covering multiple sites various times of the week to provide maximum coverage and access, 1 pick-up = multiple meals
- 8000-10000 meals a day
- Serving as information dissemination: shopping access, census information, health insurance and more
- Working with local food bank to also distribute family boxes
- Funding: applying for reimbursement through the summer feeding program & seamless summer feeding. Applications available @ NYSED
- [Summer Food Service Program](#)
- [Child Nutrition | NYSED](#)

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### Rochester CSD

- Updates on Tiered Support Logs: using google sheets to track student contact, types of services delivered/needed, referrals
- Work in progress-identifying what exact needs are or root cause of needs to offer assistance addressing that piece. Desire to identify ways to onboard those assisting with outreach who may have clinical skills or family outreach skills.
- Tech needs: working with spectrum to provide service to families with outstanding bills, had a stock of MyFi devices and were able to distribute \*MiFi is a wireless router that acts as a mobile Wi-Fi hotspot)
- Caterina will be sharing a template in the next week or two for those interested-thank you!!

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### Buffalo Strong Community Schools & Say Yes to Buffalo Community Partner:

- Saturday Academy-has gone virtual! 5 vendors from 10am-1pm. Used Zoom & Facebook. Had many community members/families join!
- [\\*Virtual\\* Saturday Academies](#)

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### RESOURCES

- IEL spreadsheet of practices & resources for COVID-19 response by community schools: [Community Schools: COVID-19 Responses](#)
- NYSED Food Links  
[Summer Food Service Program](#)  
[Child Nutrition | NYSED](#)
- Buffalo Saturday Virtual Academies: [\\*Virtual\\* Saturday Academies](#)
- <https://www.epicforchildren.org/>

### Topics for next time!

- Impact of ACEs: how are agencies/districts responding to concerns regarding domestic violence, substance abuse, child abuse, homelessness
- Check in on Mental Health/S/E/B work with students & families. How are contacts going? How is service delivery via virtual/phone/social distanced check ins going?
- Identification, Access and Coordination of services--using a tiered framework. How are districts/agencies identifying needs, linking to access and coordinating services?