

Monthly Member Newsletter

July 16, 2020

CALL FOR ESSAYS: COVID-19 AND CHILD WELFARE

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the strengths and weaknesses of the systems, policies, and philosophies that shape how services are organized and delivered for populations that are vulnerable. The Child Welfare League of America has a goal of a world where “all children will grow up safely in loving families and supportive communities with everything they need to flourish and with connections to their culture, ethnicity, race, and language.” The Child Welfare League of America is collecting essays about what you see as the most significant developments and innovations impacting children and families as a result of the pandemic, including how communities are exposing and addressing challenges, reawakening a sense of connectedness, and taking steps needed to advance their goal.

If you would like to participate, email Rachel Adams, editor for Child Welfare League of America, at radams@cwla.org by September 4, 2020.

MY Fest this week!

Find your passion and purpose on this week’s Virtual Youth Fest on Thursday, July 16, 2-3:30 Mountain. [Register here.](#) When asked about the impact of previous Stay Home for MY LIFE events, 83% of youth participants reported feeling more hopeful about the future and 77% reported feeling less alone.

**STAY HOME
of MY LIFE
VIRTUAL
YOUTH
FEST**

**PASSION
&
PURPOSE**

Thursday, July 16, 2020
4:00-5:30pm Eastern

This week's event will feature inspirational speakers, uplifting entertainment and tips to help you find a passion for recovery.

Stay Home for MY LIFE is an inspiring online event designed for youth and young adults who have experience with mental health, substance use, foster care and/or other challenges.

This Week's Event Features:
 Alex Frisina, acting director of YOUTH POWER NY and hip-hop artist
 Brittany Garner, programs manager for The Phoenix Florida
 Tira Yasmine, CEO of Color Life Beautiful, poet and life coach

Registration is Required for this Free Event
www.Bit.ly/mylifevirtual

This event is held every Thursday!

For more information, contact:
 Greg Dicharry at GDicharry@magellanhealth.com
 or visit [facebook.com/mylifevirtual](https://www.facebook.com/mylifevirtual)

Alex Frisina is the acting director of YOUTH POWER NY and a hip-hop artist who has toured the US and Canada. He shares his lived experience with depression and being internally addicted to help young people overcome challenges and turn their pain into passion. He is a published author and the creator of the **Harnesting Hip Hop** wellness program. He has also spent many years advocating for youth on a variety of social justice issues.

Brittany Garner is the programs manager for The Phoenix Florida, a free sober active community that helps people build human connections, enhance their mental, physical and spiritual fitness. She is a person in recovery for substance abuse, who utilizes her expertise in recovery and fitness to help others heal from mental health and substance use issues. She is a fun and warmhearted spirit who studies passion and love for her community, family and friends.

Tira Yasmine also known as "Tira" founder and CEO of **Color Life Beautiful** is a Emmy nominated poet and the founder of a coaching and consulting organization that helps clients recognize their passion to live authentically in their creative purpose. She was adopted as a child and utilizes her personal pain to create poems and stories to help others find hope and their true essence. Her life-changing coaching strategies are color based and focus on creative approaches to success.

We have a new mailing address

The Magellan of Wyoming office has a new mailing address. Our new address is PO Box 20520, Cheyenne, WY 82009.

Parent/Caregiver Support Group

The next Parent/Caregiver Support Group, set for July 22, 2020. We hope you can join us. These free groups provide a safe place for families and caregivers to talk through their struggles, their successes and to learn from one another. You don't have to be a member of High Fidelity Wraparound to attend these groups. We meet every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Join online at: <https://magellanhealth.zoom.us/j/707619166>
- Join by phone at: 1-646-558-8656 (toll free) (meeting ID 707 619 166) (password is 181500)

These support groups are available to any caregiver, guardian, parent, grandparent, family member, etc. who would like more support!

We're accepting youth referrals

Do you know a young person age 4 to 20 who would benefit from additional support? Would it make a difference if they could be more successful at home, school and in their community?

Wyoming's High Fidelity Wraparound program can help if:

- A free program makes sense for the youth and their family.
- Additional mental health or behavior support is needed.
- Youth who currently are, or could be, Medicaid eligible.
- Youth is at risk for being placed out of their home in hospital or detention.

Youth and their care givers would benefit from having a team of support. Learn more by completing our [Referral Form](#) or visiting our [website](#).

Our program is growing

If you have ever wanted to help youth with complex mental health or behavioral health concerns, you can become a provider by visiting our [Become a Provider](#) page. We are always looking for more experienced and caring people to join forces with us to meet the needs of youth across Wyoming. Do you know anyone who would be great at this? Refer them to work with us.