

The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices has compiled the following table listing State Human Services Actions & Initiatives responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The actions and initiatives are organized as follows:

- TANF and cash assistance
- SNAP and food security
- Child welfare
- Housing assistance
- Support to the human services workforce
- Partnerships with charitable foundations
- Information sharing
- Securing PPE

The list will be updated as new programs and initiatives are identified. Please contact us about additional state activities or updates to the list below.

STATE HUMAN SERVICES ACTIONS & INITIATIVES FOR COVID-19		
STATE ACTIONS	STATE EXAMPLES	
TANF & CASH ASSISTANCE		
1	Temporarily suspending work and job search requirements	<p>Florida, Arizona, Kentucky, New Jersey, Washington, Texas waived work requirements for TANF recipients</p> <p>Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri waived job search requirements for TANF applicants</p> <p>New Hampshire waived work participation requirements</p> <p>Alaska granted work requirement waivers for good cause</p> <p>Illinois, New York, Arkansas granted good cause exemptions to work requirements due to COVID-19</p> <p>Pennsylvania allowed those participating in employment and training programs to be excused during the pandemic.</p> <p>Arkansas worked with 2-year colleges to distribute computers, provide internet access, and equipment to support TANF/TANF-eligible Career Pathways students attending classes remotely who lacked those required resources</p> <p>Colorado provided good cause to TANF recipients who are unable to meet work requirements due to COVID-19, services are still available virtually to those who are able to participate</p> <p>California granted work requirement waivers for good cause and expanded subsidized employment and work study</p>
2	Extending emergency cash assistance	<p>West Virginia, Virginia extended a one-time \$500 payment to current TANF recipients</p> <p>West Virginia, Virginia offered a one-time special assistance payment through the Pandemic Diversionary Cash Assistance program, varied by family size and need, and open to anyone not receiving TANF benefits</p>

		<p>Tennessee Governor Lee extended up to two months of emergency cash assistance to families that meet certain requirements. The application deadline was extended to August 29.</p> <p>California expanded the non-recurrent, short-term benefit to allow families with income up to 200 percent of the federal poverty limit to qualify for this benefit, instead of receiving TANF</p> <p>Maine increased Worker Supplement Benefits, a food benefit program funded by TANF, from \$50 to \$100 per month for March through July</p> <p>Washington extended Disaster Cash Assistance to families and individuals who may not otherwise be eligible for cash assistance. Benefits are adjusted for family size and available for one month out of a 12-month period</p> <p>Colorado counties may enact their emergency disaster policies to issue additional cash payments to families through the duration of the State and/or National declared disaster</p> <p>Colorado announced that it will allocate \$11.5 million in TANF funds to provide one-time \$500 payments to help ensure food security.</p>
3	Suspending time limits	<p>Alaska, Arizona, Maine, California, Connecticut, Minnesota exempted TANF recipients from state time limits</p> <p>Washington extended TANF time limits beyond the federal 60-month span for families affected by COVID-19 and those without regular housing</p>
4	Streamlining applications	<p>Maine Governor Mills issued an executive order to process all TANF applications as emergency applications for eligibility determination purposes and waived reapplication requirements</p> <p>Alaska, Texas and Tennessee waived in-person interview requirements and automatically renewed TANF and SNAP benefits</p> <p>North Dakota, Rhode Island, North Dakota, Arkansas waived in-person interview requirements</p> <p>Maryland extended redetermination period for recipients</p> <p>New Jersey lawmakers advanced a bill (S-2329) that would provide presumptive eligibility to families and offer immediate access to TANF</p> <p>Arkansas extended time to send in evidence and documentation required to comply with eligibility requirements</p> <p>California waived in-person identification requirements, allowed for temporary self-attestation of pregnancy and conditions of eligibility</p> <p>California extended one-time emergency supplemental funds to TANF to assist counties with increases in eligibility intake and other administrative workload</p>
5	Extending redetermination periods	<p>New Hampshire extended redetermination for TANF and the duration of benefits for certain families for 90 days</p> <p>New Jersey extended redetermination for TANF for 60 days in March and April</p> <p>Colorado extended redetermination for TANF for their certification period of 6 months, while still acting on any reported changes</p> <p>California extended redetermination for TANF for 90 days</p> <p>Washington extended the certification periods of TANF households with eligibility reviews due in the month of April or May for six additional months, extending these certifications through October and November 2020.</p> <p>Georgia extended benefits due in March, April, May and June for six months.</p>

6	Home Visiting	California provided for alternatives to in-person home visits; and alignment to CDC gathering guidelines for group classes Washington suspended home visiting as part of the sanction process and the Teen Living Assessment eligibility process.
7	Debt collection	California issued a statewide suspension of all non-tax debt collection through July 15
SNAP & FOOD SECURITY		
8	Applying for Federal Pandemic-EBT to issue benefits to families whose children received free or reduced-price meals through their schools	The following 49 states have been approved by FNS to operate a Pandemic-EBT program: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Virgin Islands, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming
9	Suspending certain requirements	Florida, Maryland waived work requirements for SNAP recipients Rhode Island, Montana, Wyoming, California, Alabama temporarily suspended ABAWD time limits Arkansas extended good cause exemptions to child support enforcement through May 31
10	Waiving in-person interview requirements	The following states have waived in-person interview requirements: Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Virgin Islands, Vermont, Wisconsin, West Virginia USDA approved the following June extensions: Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, Virgin Islands, West Virginia USDA approved the following July Extensions: California, Maryland, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas
11	Participating in SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot	42 States and the District of Columbia are participating in the SNAP Online Purchasing pilot: Arizona, Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode

		Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming an
12	Increasing benefit amounts	All 50 states and the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands have provided Emergency Allotments for April and May. The following states have been approved for the June allotment: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Virgin Islands, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming The following states have been approved for a July allotment: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming
13	Automatically renewing benefits or extending recertification deadlines	Montana, North Carolina, and Texas automatically renewed SNAP benefits for families during the public health emergency Alaska, Rhode Island , New York, Alaska, Maryland extended recertification deadlines for recipients Nebraska extended SNAP recertification periods by six months during the months of April and May Nevada extended the redetermination period for SNAP benefits by at least two months New Hampshire extended redetermination periods through May 31, 2020 New Jersey , Northern Mariana Islands extended recertification periods for March, April and May Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Maine extended redetermination period California extended redetermination period for 90 days
14	Initial application interview	California waived initial application interview pending certain criterion are met from March 27-May 31
15	Telephonic signatures	The following 19 states have adopted telephonic signatures: Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Virginia
16	Debt offsets	California suspended offsets in the Treasury Offset Program for SNAP debts related to COVID from April-July
CHILD WELFARE		
17	Supporting youth who age out of care	Illinois, Rhode Island, Indiana executive orders issued emergency moratoriums on emancipation from foster care Alaska, California issued a directive allowing older youth the option of remaining with their caregivers

		<p>California issued a directive allowing counties to continue to provide Transition Living Program payments for youth aging out of foster care</p> <p>California issued statewide waivers, funds, and guidance for EFC age, placement, and eligibility requirements through June 30; (re) entry determination assessments may be conducted by video conferencing and recently extended these waivers through executive order</p> <p>Illinois, Maryland, DC, Alaska extended services to youth aging out of foster care including assistance with housing, food, unemployment, mental health and medical care and casework support</p> <p>Ohio executive order suspended participation requirements for extended care</p> <p>Georgia executive order temporarily suspended the definition of “child” to allow young people aging out of care to remain in their placement and continue receiving services for 90 days following the declaration of a public health emergency</p> <p>Connecticut, Michigan and South Carolina suspended participation and age requirements for extended care to allow youth to remain in their placements</p> <p>Michigan made Chafee funds available to provide housing for youth who need to relocate due to school and work disruptions and to provide stipends to youth after reaching 21</p>
18	Supporting foster parents	<p>Illinois extended additional funds to foster parents to cover coronavirus-related expenses</p> <p>Arkansas extended an additional \$500 to foster and provisional parents and provided cash assistance support for relative provisional foster parents on a case by case basis to support childcare and other basic needs</p> <p>Massachusetts extended an additional \$100 per month per child for foster parents</p> <p>Oklahoma offered emergency relief payments to foster families each month</p> <p>Alabama temporarily changed the Minimum Standards for Foster Family Homes by allowing some exceptions in the recertification process</p> <p>Tennessee issued guidance for foster parents regarding minimizing exposure and court appearances</p> <p>Washington temporarily expedited approvals of new foster parents, waived duplicative fingerprint background check requirements</p> <p>Indiana waived notarization requirement for foster parents, modified physician examination requirement and is conducting all training via Zoom</p> <p>California waived capacity requirements for resource families when immediate need for placement is present for youth due to isolation or quarantine, county requirements around bedroom sharing for prevention, containment and mitigation measures</p> <p>California allowed for pre-and post-foster parent training requirements to be met through distance learning options. If unable to do so, approval may occur, and pre-training requirements may be met 180 days after approval; annual approvals may be extended by 30 days if a child is already in the care of an RFA; counties to use an emergency placement process if an RFA is inactive and wants to reinstate status to take an immediate placement of a child and to accept scanned copies of income verification and other types of requirements. If RFA is unable to do so, county may accept temporary self-attestation</p>

		California provides for guardians receiving Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program payments for suspension of requirement to halt payments if receipt of necessary payment is delayed through June 30, allowed for emergency caregiver funding to be continued beyond 120 days if resource family approval delay was COVID-19 related, and provided for a \$200 per month supplement to families in the Emergency Response and Family Maintenance Programs
19	Expanding virtual visitation for caseworkers and families	<p>Alabama allowed family services caseworkers to conduct visits by videoconferencing</p> <p>Alaska offered family and caseworker visitations through electronic forms of communication such as FaceTime, Zoom or telephone visits, or other communication applications</p> <p>Arizona conducted family virtual visitations and created “tips on engagement” for virtual visitations</p> <p>Arkansas encourages home visits and parent visitation over videoconferencing while allowing discretion for face-to-face when needed and increased availability of applications on state-provided phones for videoconferencing needs</p> <p>California issued guidance for monthly caseworker visits or investigatory contacts to occur during video conferencing</p> <p>Idaho allowed face-to-face visitation between children and families as part of its stage four reopening plans</p> <p>Pennsylvania limited visitation to slow the spread of the pandemic</p> <p>Tennessee established procedures to screen homes for exposure to the coronavirus before conducting a caseworker visit</p> <p>Delaware, Maine, Hawaii, Illinois prohibited in-person visitations due to COVID and moved to phone/video calls</p>
20	Supporting family courts	<p>Connecticut allowed Orders of Temporary Custody (OTCS) conferences to be conducted with lawyers and DCF through telephone from inside/outside the courthouse and issued guidance to staff around not entering the courthouse if cases can be resolved by agreement</p> <p>Connecticut temporarily extended the ninety-six-hour administrative hold due to circumstances</p> <p>Wisconsin suspended all in-person hearings through April 30. DCYF issued guidance for juvenile and family court hearings</p> <p>Arkansas offered court hearings through videoconferencing and distributed phones to local DHS offices with videoconferencing capability for parents to use on DHS Wi-Fi in the parking lot or other isolated area so that parents are able to participate in court hearings with limited in-person contact</p>
21	Out-of-State Placements	California issued a directive for ICPC Liaisons and probation officers to work w/ CDSS to help with difficulties related to travel restrictions and face-to-face visits for out-of-state placements in group homes and non-minor dependent/foster care placements
22	Foster youth in college	<p>California issued a directive with resources for counties to assist foster youth living in dorms regarding access to technology to allow to remain connected and participate in on-line classes wherever they are located</p> <p>California allowed counties to provide SILP payments if displaced from dorms until a new or temporary residence is found and videoconferencing may be used to assess new living situations</p>
23	Investigations	California issued directive that for reports of behaviors that seriously endanger the child, in-person investigations must occur. For reports that do not pose an immediate health or safety risk, counties may decide on a case by case basis if an in-person investigation should occur

24	Fingerprint background checks	California issued temporary statewide waivers related to emergency placement criminal background checks processes and eligible caregivers. Fingerprint checks may be extended by max of 90 days dependent on availability of LiveScan sites. Expires on June 30 unless extended
25	Rate flexibility	California authorized rate flexibility for specified placements related to COVID. Expires on June 30 unless extended
26	Access to technology	California temporarily expanded the foster care verification process to facilitate access for current or former foster youth to needed technology through the Phones for Foster Youth Program
27	Family Resource Centers	California provided \$3 million to Family Resource Centers to provide direct support and services to foster families
HOUSING ASSISTANCE		
28	Temporarily halting evictions and/or foreclosures	<p>Maine, Massachusetts, temporarily suspended foreclosures and evictions</p> <p>Connecticut is extending the residential eviction moratorium to August 25th</p> <p>Maryland halted evictions for any tenant who can show that their failure to pay rent is related to the COVID-19 outbreak</p> <p>New Mexico's Supreme Court ordered a temporary moratorium on evictions for inability to pay rent due to economic displacement</p> <p>California Governor Newsom authorized local governments to halt evictions for renters and homeowners, slow foreclosures related to evictions, and protect against utility shutoffs. The Governor has halted evictions until September 30th, 2020</p> <p>Washington extended eviction moratorium through August 1st</p> <p>Oregon placed temporary eviction moratorium until October 1st, 2020</p> <p>Indiana extending pause on evictions, foreclosures, and utility shutoffs until July 31st</p> <p>Illinois has extended state's ban on residential eviction through July 31st to provide smooth transition into assistance program.</p> <p>Florida Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order providing targeted, temporary relief from certain mortgages foreclosures and evictions until August 1st without relieving an individual's obligation to make mortgage payments and rent.</p> <p>Minnesota has suspended evictions during COVID-19 however, rent is not reduced or waived during this time.</p>
29	Prohibiting utility disconnection	<p>Alaska prevents public utilities from disconnecting utility services when residential customer cannot pay due to COVID-19 financial hardships and has been extended to November 15th, 2020</p> <p>Hawaii extended suspension of service disconnections through July 31st, 2020 and authorize utilities that elect to suspend disconnections beyond July 31st, 2020 to book regulatory assets related to the costs associated with that suspensions, through September 1, 2020</p> <p>Maine issued an emergency moratorium on utility disconnection</p> <p>Pennsylvania issued an order prohibiting electric, natural gas, water, wastewater, telecommunication and steam utility terminations</p>

		<p>Minnesota issued a letter requesting electric and gas utilities to extend consumer protection safeguards during COVID-19</p> <p>Michigan established a fund to reconnect water for at-risk households to ensure access to clean water for sanitation purposes</p> <p>North Carolina prohibited the disconnection of utility services through July 29th, 2020</p> <p>Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Indiana issued emergency suspensions of utility services</p> <p>Oklahoma expanded eligibility for the Energy Crisis Assistance Program and issued the maximum annual benefit amount of \$500 to those eligible</p> <p>Washington extended moratorium on service disconnects and late fess through July 28th, 2020 for all energy, landline telephone, and water utilities</p> <p>Wisconsin has a state moratorium on utility disconnections during COVID-19 to end July 25th, 2020</p>
30	Expanding emergency rental and mortgage assistance	<p>Arizona's Rental Eviction Prevention Assistance Program launched by Arizona Department of Housing is assisting on first come, first serve basis.</p> <p>Illinois announced 5% increase to initiatives supporting people experiencing homelessness. An additional \$6 million in new funding has been allocated to support the 19 Continuums of Care across the state and an additional \$2 million will support housing and other services for people experiencing homelessness. Illinois has also combined federal stimulus funds with state revenues to help renters, homeowners, and small businesses with a program that will begin in August and run through the end of the year.</p> <p>Maine announced a \$5 million COVID-19 Rent Relief Program that will allow households that meet certain requirements to receive a one-time, up to \$500 payment in rental assistance to be paid directly to their landlord</p> <p>Montana issued a Directive to provide emergency rental assistance to help families with limited financial resources during the pandemic. The program also includes relief funds specifically for households with children eligible for TANF</p> <p>Texas provided HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to Texans experiencing housing challenges due to COVID-19 through HUD waivers. A portion of TDHCA funds to be used to help families and individuals with up to 100% of the cost of rent, security deposit payments and utility bills for tenants affected by the loss of income due to the pandemic</p> <p>Delaware has provided up to \$1,500 in assistance available to Delawareans struggling to pay rent or electric bills due to COVID-19. Delaware has also released a statement on efforts on foreclosure and eviction prevention.</p> <p>Hawaii's Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)'s COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program will provide eligible beneficiaries with rental assistance using \$7 million in Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG) funds.</p> <p>Iowa has allocated federal CARES Act funds to assist Iowans who have been economically impacted by COVID-19. Iowa's assistance for Iowa renters and homeowners provides short-term relief to income-eligible renters and homeowners who are at risk of eviction or foreclosure.</p> <p>New Jersey program will provide at least \$100 million in temporary rental assistance for low-to-moderate income households, including homeless or those at risk of homelessness</p> <p>New York Gov. Cuomo announced new COVID Rental Assistance Program to assist low-income families throughout New York</p>

		<p>Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program has the Division of Energy, Housing, and Community Resources partnered with the Wisconsin Community Action Program Association to provide direct assistance to residents of Wisconsin administering funding, where \$25 million will be allocated to agencies across the state for residents to apply for that meet eligibility.</p> <p>Wyoming to use CARES Act money to create an eviction prevention program that will be administered by the Wyoming Community Development Authority</p> <p>Rhode Island has made \$1.5 million in emergency rental assistance available to low-income renters who have been impacted by the COVID-19 emergency and are at immediate risk of homelessness.</p> <p>Iowa's COVID-19 Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Program will be available to Iowa renters and homeowners who are at risk of eviction and foreclosure due to COVID-19 and will provide up to four months of payments</p> <p>Alaska Governor and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation jointly announced eligibility requirements and the process for Alaskans seeking financial relief from their rent and mortgage obligations. Rent relief excludes utilities; mortgage relief includes principal and interest only and each household is eligible for no more than \$1,200.</p> <p>Washington, D.C. COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program (CHAP) is a \$6.2 million program funded by the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) offering rental assistance to low-income renters.</p> <p>Indiana will use \$25 million in federal CARES Act funding to help residents struggling to pay rent due to the impact of COVID-19</p> <p>Virginia Governor launches rent and mortgage relief program to assist Virginians facing evictions or foreclosure</p> <p>Florida Governor DeSantis announced \$250 million in CARES Act funding for rental and mortgage assistance for Florida families negatively impacted by the pandemic</p> <p>Connecticut Governor Lamont announced assistance for renters, homeowners, and residential landlords impacted by COVID-19 emergency by putting \$33 million in state and federal resources to renters, homeowners, and residential landlords impacted by COVID-19.</p> <p>Colorado Governor Polis has extended his order requiring landlords to give 30 days' notice (rather than 10) to tenants who are late on their rent before initiating an eviction. This 30-day warning mandate is in effect through August 11th</p> <p>Vermont Governor Scott announced \$30 million in housing assistance to those affected by COVID-19</p>
SUPPORTING THE HUMAN SERVICES WORKFORCE		
31	Declarations of essential personnel	Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Tennessee declared human services workers essential personnel
32	Hazard pay	California provided financial resource for overtime and outreach for social workers working with caregivers at high-risk of COVID-19
PARTNERSHIPS WITH CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS AND NONPROFIT PROVIDERS		
33	Partnerships with states' charitable foundation communities	New Mexico , NM Coalition of Community Foundations, All Together Fund: <i>Collaborative philanthropic fund consulting with state & agencies to address, first, immediate needs including grants to smaller businesses; later, income insecurity; and finally recovery</i>

		<p>The Women’s Foundation of California committed to working with the state to raise \$42 million in private funding to support domestic violence organizations and, in the longer-term, strengthens organizations centering on gender.</p> <p>The North Carolina Healthcare Foundation provided \$1.6 million in grants to 19 organizations statewide through the COVID-19 Fill the Gap Fund. The grants were intended to help people and places disproportionately impacted by the novel coronavirus, including people of color, frontline essential workers, and rural communities.</p> <p>Washington, DC’s THRIVE East of the River partnership committed to providing five months of support to 500 families in Ward 8, including weekly groceries, dry goods, \$1,100 monthly financial assistance and a community navigator to help families access unemployment insurance, tax credits and public benefits.</p> <p>The Emory COVID-19 Response Collaborative (ECRC) provided ongoing, flexible and collaborative support to the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) in four major areas: Planning coordination; outbreak response and evaluation; training and deployment of public health professionals throughout the state; and surveillance, research and monitoring.</p> <p>The Willis Group provided an additional \$300,000 in unrestricted grant funding to the Maryland Food Bank and LifeStyles of Maryland to provide much-needed meals to families and individuals across the state.</p>
34	Initiatives for layoff aversion in nonprofit service providers	<p>Illinois Governor’s Office with United Way of Illinois and Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations, Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund: <i>\$23 million fund for nonprofit organizations serving those in at-need communities whose lives are upended by the pandemic.</i> Additionally, the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Immigrant Funders Collaborative (IFC) launched the COVID-19 Immigrant Family Support Project, which will provide pandemic-related emergency assistance funding to immigrants in Illinois who are ineligible for federal assistance.</p>
INFORMATION SHARING		
35	Online sources of information and posted FAQs	<p>Alaska statewide COVID-19 site</p> <p>Alaska FAQs about evictions during the COVID-19 Pandemic</p> <p>California information on benefits for workers impacted by COVID-10</p> <p>California Emergency Housing for Immediate Protection Factsheet</p> <p>California list of all the changes under social services</p> <p>Colorado FAQ on Food Assistance</p> <p>Connecticut list of DCF changes</p> <p>Connecticut Fair Housing Center COVID-19 FAQs for Renters</p> <p>Connecticut COVID-19 FAQs for Renters: Protection against Discrimination</p> <p>Tennessee DCS guidance on COVID-19</p> <p>Pennsylvania created a food pantry map</p> <p>DC Department of Human Services changes</p> <p>Utah FAQ on SNAP and COVID-19</p> <p>Utah FAQ on eviction protection</p> <p>Washington statewide COVID-19 site, Washington DCYF COVID-19 site</p> <p>Wyoming Department of Family Services COVID-19 information site</p> <p>Iowa Housing Recovery Resources</p>

		<p>Utah Housing Response</p> <p>Montana Housing Guide during COVID</p> <p>Maryland Guidance for Rental Tenants Affected by COVID-19</p> <p>Indiana Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Guide</p> <p>New Mexico Summer youth program guide</p> <p>Idaho Resources for Housing</p> <p>South Carolina's Resources for Housing</p>
36	Hot lines, contact points for questions	<p>Connecticut Support for services post-majority youth 18+</p> <p>Washington's COVID-19 Call Center (888-856-5691) includes options for a person with loved one in the Department of Social and Health Services' care to learn what is happening at various facilities around the state.</p> <p>Wisconsin Point of Contacts for Housing Assistance</p> <p>California support for 2-1-1 and Parents Anonymous.</p>
PROCUREMENT OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) FOR THE STATE		
37	Survey business community for potential manufacturers of personal protective equipment (PPE) and/or provide financial incentives for existing manufacturers to add product lines; support business partnerships	<p>Maryland Department of Commerce, COVID-19 Emergency Relief Manufacturing Fund: <i>\$5 million fund to incentivize businesses to produce personal protective equipment (PPE) and other essential resources</i></p> <p>Georgia Department of Economic Development, Identifying Manufacturers with Capacity to Supply PPE: <i>Identifying manufacturers and distributors who have in their inventory, or could produce, distribute or store critical health care supplies</i></p> <p>Indiana, State Department of Health, Partnership with Eli Lilly & Company: <i>Governor supporting the company's use of its research labs to analyze samples taken in Indiana healthcare facilities to increase testing capacity</i></p> <p>North Carolina, NC Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Database of Companies with Capacity to Support: <i>Online form where companies can enter their capacity to produce critical supplies</i></p> <p>Michigan, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Pure Michigan Business Connect: <i>Virtual statewide matchmaking platform for suppliers, buyers providing critical response to COVID-19</i></p>
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