



Provider Newsletter

Hello Providers!

August is officially here! Normally, we would be preparing for back to school time, but this year is different during such uncertain times. Even though we are moving through unprecedented space, all your hearts and spirits have continued with unwavering dedication to your clients and communities we serve. Second Wind Fund is fortunate to have you all involved with the organization and the youth! As we prepare for any potential school transition, Second Wind Fund is ready to go and looking forward to serving any and all youth who may be referred. We couldn't do that without you and we are thankful that we have all of your support! **Please make sure to read the entirety of this newsletter as there are some changes and important updates that will affect everyone.**

Updated Policies and Procedures

It is hard to believe that Second Wind Fund has almost reached 20 years. We are two years away from that big milestone. Many of you have been a part of this organization from the beginning and have seen the evolution from the beginning as a walk/run event to what it is now. SWF is an organization that covers 30 counties, has served over, 6000 youth and continues to grow and evolve. As such, we have found it important and necessary to review and update the program and the policies and procedures that govern the program. The hope is that it makes things easier and clearer for everyone. Much of the program will remain similar with some added clarifications, requirements, and expectations to help keep everyone on the same page. We will be rolling these out in the coming months in steps to hopefully help make any transitions as smooth as possible.



Provider Handbook Coming Soon!

Fear not! We will be making all these changes and clarifications to our policies and procedures easy to access in our new Provider Handbook. This handbook will be your go-to reference for all things Second Wind Fund and be more comprehensive than the current Provider Information sheet that you all received when you became a provider. As soon as the handbook is ready, everyone will be receiving an electronic copy. You will be required to read the handbook and return the signature page to us to indicate that you have read the handbook. It will be a requirement for everyone, current and future SWF providers.



New Technology Has Arrived - Action Required!

Over the past couple newsletters, we have been sharing about our technology solution. We have started transitioning to our new technology solution. We are still working on different facets of the online system but some pieces are already up and running. In the coming weeks, you will be receiving an email from us through our online system asking you to verify and/or update your information. We need everyone to please take the time and carefully review your information and make any necessary updates and/or changes. For those of you that offered to help us with some testing with other areas of our technology solution, we will be in contact soon! Thank you in advance for the help!

Payments via ACH - Saying Goodbye to Checks - Action Required!

If you would like to leave paper checks behind and instead take advantage of ACH payments to have the money deposited directly into your account we will need your account information. We will be asking for that information in the above mentioned email request for updated information.

SWF Continuing Education Requirement - Action Required!

As a gentle reminder, part of the requirements and expectations of being a SWF Provider is completing a continuing education requirement, relevant to youth suicide, every two years (matches the licensure renewal periods). The annual SWF Therapist Rendezvous meets this requirement, as do other relevant trainings. Proof of completion must be provided to SWF every two years.

As you complete this requirement, please send in your proof of completion. When we send out the above email asking for updates and verification, you may also include any proof of trainings there. The continuing education requirement is mandatory and will be required to continue as a provider.

2020 Suicide Prevention Summit with Free Registration and CEUs

The 2020 Suicide Prevention Summit (co-hosted by AAS, the Mental Health Academy and AMHA) brings together 11 highly respected experts on suicide prevention into one online specialized event. The Summit will cover a range of suicide prevention topics, including suicide in schools, assessment models, men's suicide prevention, postvention for caregivers, zero suicide and more.

Registration is entirely free, and sessions will be streamed online – directly to you.

You can learn more and register by [clicking here](#).

If you have any questions about the Summit, please email help@mentalhealthacademy.net.



National Academies Press - Free Online Books

The National Academies Press (NAP) publishes the reports of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, which produce more than 200 reports and proceedings each year on a wide range of topics in science, engineering, and medicine providing authoritative, independent advice on important matters in science and health policy.

There are some great mental health and suicide texts that you may find helpful. Take a peek by [clicking here](#).



This newsletter contained a lot of information and might have inspired some questions. Please make sure to reach out to us with any questions. We continue to be here for you!

We don't know what the coming months will bring during this pandemic, but what can be said for sure is that the Second Wind Fund community stands together. We are blessed to be a part of this community and among such supportive people!

As a reminder, the Program Department will be down one team member due to maternity leave but we will still be up and operational and Mary will be here to continue to provide support.

With Gratitude,
Kimberlee and Mary



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