Hello Everyone,

It’s officially August! This is the month we are all usually thinking about back to school but due to the pandemic this is definitely not a typical August. As we dive into the unknown, we want to say that we are here to support your work with the youth you serve, and are incredibly thankful for you!

You are receiving this newsletter and update because you have made a referral to Second Wind Fund in the past. We continue to be appreciative that you went that extra mile to support the youth you serve and we know they are appreciative as well.

If you have a youth that you think is a good fit for the program, we hope that you will think of us again. As a gentle reminder, here are the criteria. The child or youth must be:

- 19-years-old or younger
- At risk for suicide without insurance or underinsured and do not have the financial means to pay for therapy and/or experiencing transportation barriers to seeking mental health services
- New to Second Wind Fund with no previous referrals to us for services

While finances and transportation are two potential barriers, sometimes finding the right provider may also be a barrier. For children and youth who have Medicaid, CHP+, or private insurance that covers mental health treatment and the family can afford the cost, Second Wind Fund can help narrow down a list of therapists who meet the child or youth’s needs.

We are happy to help and would rather you always reach out to us if you are unsure if a youth is a good fit for us than look for every reason to say no! We look for every reason to say yes!

You Asked, We Listened!

We have started the process of moving everything online in hopes that it will make it much easier to refer a youth to Second Wind Fund! Since we have not yet officially launched the online system, we will continue to take referrals over the phone. To help get ready for the switch, we have created a Best Practices sheet that will help you be prepared for the updated questions you will be asked. When making a referral over the phone during this time, you will be asked these same questions. Please find the document attached to this email.

We are very excited to be launching this in the coming months. As we get closer to the official launch, we will be sending out additional updates. As part of that process and updates, you will be receiving an email asking you to update your information which will help streamline the process for you in the future when making the referral.

We will be making informational videos and trainings available to you in the coming months to help explain the process and serve as a great resource moving forward.

All the Best,
The Second Wind Fund Team.