



September Newsletter

Hello Qualified Referral Sources!

We've made it to September, which is **Suicide Prevention Month** and we are so thankful you are here with us! It cannot be said enough how important the work is that each of you do every day, even more so in the midst of the chaos that a global pandemic brings. We at Second Wind Fund are so incredibly grateful for your partnership, especially as schools begin this school year, different than ever before, and youth who have spent the summers completely out of their norm have the chance to access the resources they may need. Within this newsletter, we offer some resourcing for you and a few updates to pay attention to as SWF continues to adapt to our changing environment as well!



Our Online Referral Form has launched!

As we have mentioned in past months, there are technology updates to come, and finally one is here! In hopes of better supporting youth and coordinating with you in our QRS network, we now have an online referral form that we launched to over 250 of you throughout the state this past month. This form now lives on our website, as well as linked below, and it follows the same format as our previous referral calls to ensure that the youth who seek services with SWF receive the same tailored referral experience.

[Online Referral Form](#)

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 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 via the referral form or phone call if you are unsure if a youth is a good fit! We look for every reason to say yes!



Second Wind Fund's annual Walk/Run is happening next month, virtually!

Second Wind Fund is hosting a virtual Walk/Run event between October 3-12 to help raise funds for our program! All of our community are welcome to participate! You can register and learn more by clicking the link below.

[Second Wind Fund VIRTUAL Walk/Run](#)

Back to School Resourcing

Mental Health America Presents: Back to School a [Coping During COVID Toolkit](#) developed to help students, parents, and school personnel navigate the uncharted territory of COVID-19.

This newsletter contained some updates, new 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 so grateful 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,
SWF Program Department



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