August Inspiration and Updates

Hello Qualified Referral Sources! Welcome to August.

It's time to think about back to school and summer days. There always seem to be something in the air around back to school and the transition into something new and exciting. Kids will be leaving things behind again, and there will be a lot of time to fill. Possibilities abound for all of us!

As we at Second Wind Fund look into this coming school year, we stand ready to help you in your work to support the youth you work with, brokers devote their time and energy even as we can only offer to share, ideas, we are continuously learning and growing as we open up to new ideas and possibilities.

We want to acknowledge the time and energy you spend on the thoughts, feelings, emotions, and struggles that arise along with transitions, especially this year. For most, this newsletter is going to be a little different. We have chosen to focus this edition on the release of new youth and family resources and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic: Helping young children and parents transition back to school.

And something we are especially proud to now have available on our website is our Virtual Mindfulness or Calming Rooms!

Resources and Continuing Education Opportunities

Transferring Back to School for Children and Adults Alive

Transferring back to early childhood programs or schools can be challenging for them the first time—create a more positive transition for everyone. In this newsletter, Second Wind Fund offers resources for managing stress and creating new rituals for students and staff members alike. We also offer tools and benefits are available on our website under SWF Documents.

Feedback About Making Referrals

We have Second Wind Fund's newsletter on the September Webpage along with the additional resources.

Resources for Families and Educators

For families and educators alike, the transition into this school year comes with new challenges. Raising “back to school” might mean attending in person with lots of obstacles, distance learning that might not work at all, or school at home, or somehow attending virtually. No matter your situation, Child Mind Institute has many practical tools and expert advice to help you make the best of going back to school during the coronavirus crisis.

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With Gratitude,

Second Wind Fund

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Elyse joined the Second Wind Fund team in March of 2021 as Referral Specialist. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor’s degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies, she began volunteering in the nonprofit sector. At the Rose Andom Center in Denver, she supports survivors of intimate partner violence by connecting them with resources to aid in their healing process. Elyse is driven by a passion to empower others as well as the desire to make a difference in the community.

Get to Know the Second Wind Fund Staff

Elyse Baumgardner - Referral Specialist

“Through my experience thus far, I am most impressed with the diverse range of survivors the center has supported, from all walks of life. This gives me hope for the future and inspires me to continue working towards a world where everyone is safe from violence.”

The question this month: What are you looking forward to as we transition into fall?

Mary Houlihan - Provider Engagement Manager

“I am looking forward to cool weather and Halloween!”

Mandy McKnight - Controller/Director of Operations

“Autumn is my favorite season! I love the weather cool-down, the smells, the tastes, the colors, and getting ready for the upcoming holidays... oh, and my birthday is always a nice bonus.”

Kimberlee Bow - Program Director

“The cool crisp mornings, the sound of crunching leaves, and the colors.”

Chris Weiss - Executive Director

“I thoroughly enjoy the changing of seasons. Watching the leaves transition in fall from greens to yellows, reds and browns is one of my favorite parts.”

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