

COVID-19 Community Call  
March 26, 2020

Governor's Office Updates	Notes
Maria Siguenza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with Governor's office to talk about possible avenues that could be opened to help undocumented folks</li> <li>• Program in DSHS to help undocumented folks with application and temp assistance triggered to be opened during crisis</li> <li>• Program can be open and they are taking a look to increase the funds</li> <li>• <b>As promised, more detailed information not provided on call:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clarifying Information - WAC 388-436-0055           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The disaster for individuals must be declared by the Governor. When the disaster is declared, Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP) will authorize the <b>Disaster Cash Assistance Program (DCAP)</b> to provide funds for families and individuals with or without children who have suffered losses as a result of the disaster.</li> <li>▪ The following applies to DCAP:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The applicant had to have been living in the declared disaster area before the disaster happened. Having a vacation home does not count for residency.</li> <li>○ The applicant must have suffered a loss of income or property as a result of the disaster.</li> <li>○ The CEAP income rules apply to DCAP. See WAC 388-436-0045.</li> <li>○ The applicant must apply for any other assistance available, such as:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ TANF/SFA/RCA</li> <li>▪ ABD cash</li> <li>▪ Basic Food Assistance</li> <li>▪ Medical</li> <li>▪ Unemployment compensation</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Under DCAP, applicants are not required to:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meet citizenship or alien requirements; or</li> <li>▪ Provide a Social Security number.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ This program is not activated yet, but will go live in April</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li></ul>

ESD	Notes
Norma Chavez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASWS Advisory committee to address compliance and discontinuance of service of growers in relation to the H2A program</li> <li>• Put aside committee duty as of last week to discuss COVID-19 affecting agricultural workers</li> <li>• Letter was sent out to the Governor's office</li> <li>• Outlines 8 points – sets of issues essential to be addressed by the governor's office (separate attachment)</li> <li>• Stakeholders meeting next Thursday</li> <li>• Paid sick leave is being paid by H2A workers</li> </ul>
Mariana Hernandez <i>Email: <a href="mailto:SystemPolicy@esd.wa.gov">SystemPolicy@esd.wa.gov</a></i> <i>Website: <a href="http://esd.wa.gov">esd.wa.gov</a></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Work search requirements are optional:</b> claimants will not be penalized if they did not look for work, the question is still available but it's not necessary to fill out– in place until further notice</li> <li>• <b>Standby rule change:</b> employers <i>and</i> claimants can request up to 12 weeks of standby at the time they apply for benefits <i>or</i> an employer can submit a request – part-time claimants <i>can</i> request standby</li> <li>• Stimulus package for unemployment benefit: provides more funding to claimants weekly benefit amount up until July – <i>***still needs to be signed by the president to have more details***</i></li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agency hiring over 250 positions to help with influx of claims &amp; calls</li> <li>• Constant website updates</li> <li>• Independent contractors are considered self-employed, therefore not eligible for unemployment benefits</li> <li>• ***Undocumented workers are not eligible for unemployment benefits***</li> </ul>
<p>April Admundson, Paid Family and Medical Leave                  Website: <a href="http://paidleave.wa.gov/">http://paidleave.wa.gov/</a>                  Email: <a href="mailto:paidleave@esd.wa.gov">paidleave@esd.wa.gov</a>                  Phone: (833)-717-2273</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides paid leave for all WA state employees who have worked at least 820 hours – including H2A employees</li> <li>• No emergency changes due to COVID-19</li> <li>• Call claim center to request a paper application or download online – website is also accessible in Spanish</li> <li>• Paid family leave separate from unemployment benefits</li> <li>• ***Undocumented workers are potentially eligible for these benefits if they have employment hours reported on their behalf***</li> </ul>

WAISN	Notes
<p style="text-align: center;">Monserrat                  Email: <a href="mailto:monserrat@waisn.org">monserrat@waisn.org</a>                  Email: <a href="mailto:covid19@waisn.org">covid19@waisn.org</a>                  Email: <a href="mailto:branda@waisn.org">branda@waisn.org</a>                  Phone: 1-844-724-3737  <a href="https://actionnetwork.org/forms/hear-from-us-waisn">https://actionnetwork.org/forms/hear-from-us-waisn</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statewide network that engages in rapid response in deportation defense – holding ICE field directors and local county ICE agents accountable; steering committee members: Latino Community Fund &amp; Northwest Immigrant Rights Projects; move resources across the state: get funding back in to central and eastern in WA where they have great impacts from ICE</li> <li>• Our community is on the front-lines and are most at-risk during COVID-19</li> <li>• There are three different forms of relief:                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unemployment insurance: unemployment benefits → undocumented folks don't qualify</li> <li>2. Paid sick leave: comes from the employer some might qualify others might not depending on employer</li> <li>3. Paid family sick leave: undocumented folks do qualify as mentioned</li> </ol> </li> <li>• One third of our immigrant communities are uninsured</li> <li>• Ask to Governor Inslee to reopen the doors on WA ST Insurance Pool – didn't allow for new applicants after the Affordable Care Act passed</li> <li>• Immediate work on releasing high-risk COVID-19 immigrants in detention centers and holding agency accountable</li> <li>• Seattle immigration court would reopen their courts, announced online – not taking into regard the health crisis *** <i>only open for filings – not hearings</i>***</li> <li>• Making sure our communities feel safe accessing services to be free of public-charge – searching to centralize the information and ensure no ICE presence in health institutions</li> <li>• Working to create a statewide undocumented families relief fund – organizations would be in charge of the disbursement of those funds, still working on the infrastructure</li> </ul>

Centro Latino	Notes
<p style="text-align: center;">Bernal Baca                  Website: <a href="https://www.clatino.org/">https://www.clatino.org/</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing emergency financial assistance for: domestic violence/abuse victims, undocumented folks, moving expenses, shelter assistance etc.</li> <li>• Website is up to date - language accessible</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing support and motivating the community to take the Census through their food bank site and giving supplemental packages for students in Tacoma – making them bilingual</li> <li>• El Centro is open, following social distancing rules, but still providing support to the community</li> </ul>
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Eastern WA	Notes
Cristina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues with rental assistance</li> <li>• Similar issues for undocumented folks in western WA &amp; eastern WA</li> <li>• Redirected for testing purposes, unsure of services, unsure of resource locations</li> <li>• Information to be in Spanish and also verbalized &amp; visualized</li> </ul>
Oskar <i>Latino Community Fund</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hearing of officers asking people for essential worker documentation for being out based on Governor’s “Stay at Home,” order</li> <li>• Alien Emergency Need – Health Care Authority (HCA) specific Medicaid program that is state funded and has expanded its definition to serve and provide medical insurance to undocumented folks experiencing health issues due to COVID-19</li> <li>• Charity Care – hospitals mandated to do by law: if someone is low income they have to serve them regardless and write it off as a charity care</li> </ul>

Shared Links
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COVID-19_Family_Support">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COVID-19_Family_Support</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">(Coronavirus/COVID-19) Informacion en Lenguas Originarias/Lenguas Indigenas – Resources in Indigenous Languages</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-relief-for-businesses-workers-renters-and-more-in-response-to-covid-19-outbreak-c09c13a02690">https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-relief-for-businesses-workers-renters-and-more-in-response-to-covid-19-outbreak-c09c13a02690</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/alien-emergency-medical-COVID19-policy-3-18-2020.pdf">https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/alien-emergency-medical-COVID19-policy-3-18-2020.pdf</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/TemporaryWorkerHousingGuidance.pdf">https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/TemporaryWorkerHousingGuidance.pdf</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.facebook.com/2266065537001754/posts/2609759989298972/">https://www.facebook.com/2266065537001754/posts/2609759989298972/</a></li> </ul>