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| **COVID-19**Given the uptick in Covid -19 cases we encourage members to access our biweekly brief meetings with RIDoH and DCYF for current updates and opportunities to get questions answered. Recent updated documents include:[**Congregate,**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq54LPzkQcFcJu6OjW1jwiRSClA9XM0JCfQdzDVAjGIl6rRgXiq-xl6x_eS14PUpKa8rHPFp2_KLpK3xNLtcwqFRHMWw4_07DBUsdhdbtuwNOV3uTu0ZBXiFKmE_jWdfW_RAtKiAi_dU00kTGMP5jUlDKXg-6tSCmw0XVHlxhEl8T8%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237634002%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=N3e5JOSe4YXNWe30x9Xwxmh9gvmY91dKj5Isx7sFlQI%3D&reserved=0)[**Booster**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq56mIXmUxIEs6NZjtuZiMPnCbwK7SYmftbTw2cRkHogypu380pOhtPBEQAAbjsdCqmIfu-oqs8FOhYMFQgnKwWI1Th0gn45_WI32C0wgbAseUBRjlb0N8auU_dI_1mz2A_VobiqZJx2TXLcppDvj-ScrLAc-W9KGq5dXbCBlLtT60%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237634002%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=OdzMBLzNhy2vVbv2z8eW2RAGE2MNtk3D46PgTwNseyc%3D&reserved=0) **and** [**PrepMod.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5wQ-nWpmW6v0Z4gjE53uFeapGZxL3wvtlUmr2RqjQIZ0vdx8sN5VXqJhG2kEyZG3C2W7AhoepK4aYXN_O9avgVjKG8Zx8aYlZ8g3g8XnP-_TBOpRo8D3-k6RuxUMyTAkObYMJUC-rh43YRlYVoTSk1-jHcgmQUGBLytsHndHLZn4%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237634002%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=a9thbfySoVEWENkRe9mntZCeYQVp9E%2FEOiYnNi0e%2FY4%3D&reserved=0) The next potential meeting on December 28th is tentative and will be confirmed (see upcoming meetings). **Temporary Mask Mandate**: Governor McKee announced that effective December 20th a Temporary Mask Mandate is in effect for Rhode Island. Provisions include:1.  Businesses and venues with over 250 people will require masking for employees and patrons regardless of vaccination status.2.  For businesses and venues with fewer than 250, masking will be required for employees and patrons unless they have proof of vaccination.3.  Offices and other private and public employers outside of the first two categories should require masks or proof of vaccination.For proof of vaccination, the governor said the original card, a photo, or an app can be satisfactory. The policy will be reevaluated after one month. **Covid-19 Boosters-**Governor Dan McKee and the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) are now encouraging all adults and 16- and 17-year-olds who have completed the primary COVID-19 vaccine series to get booster doses in Rhode Island. This announcement comes after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced their updated recommendations. [**Follow the link to RIDoH guidance.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5DqlJKKUeakF4_A3II6-Lzx43qCpnIzCi03gnECzh6mkziRwQx09xYhdCQg_YVrD5WynnobKOKy8xQ9GC8F-7JuK0BpS5yOJh0u46-PIRQ2U%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237634002%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=1nRUZOGQMNyHkcOZ4sHBeoaICmLGlX18Tpl7TYv3liA%3D&reserved=0)  **The Work of Anti-Racism**Interested members gathered at Groden Center recently to discuss a proposed statement of our definition of anti-racism and commitments to anti-racism and race equity work. The proposed statement will be discussed and presented at the January board and full member meetings. We are seeking additional committee members to assist in review of materials created with our consultant and development of our action plan. Please contact tanja.kubas-meyer@riccf.org or Lisa.kahn@riccf.org to join. **Children's Bureau of the Administration for Children and Families**Racial Disproportionality and Disparity. **﻿**This bulletin provides a brief overview on the issue of racial disproportionality and disparity in the child welfare system and the factors that contribute to the problem. It then describes practices that child welfare caseworkers, administrators, program managers, and policymakers can implement to address these issues in general and at specific decision-making points along the child. [**PDF**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq594KM7LY_nCDma9QDrd-JC9-M014PnF7ofT8CNu_K4LRLtMDk9DqlZy5CLnbs-sKgCY7p2eFgBYKrfNGsCDW5D_s-BLhIVIklxwJrKArIEMnshyF7ef7Rq2n2t_yrSs5IHMAfYWrzmDO63shLWBljYSk-AHc2VFRSGd6C9nPkkJ4%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237634002%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=2TOec6e9jf6xErZ9VfTH4Ug7n%2FLtlRLa7JSnicfw3Qk%3D&reserved=0). **Federal Government** **Build Back Better Act**According to the national Child Welfare League of America, once the federal debt ceiling is raised this week, "it should open the Senate process up to deal with the Build Back Better reconciliation bill....the hope is that actual debate and votes will begin the week of December 20 putting final votes close to Christmas (and applying pressure on senators not to stall the process). Behind the scenes there are larger discussions involving Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) and just what he will accept or veto as well as discussions to meet spending requirements and limitations. Key Senate Democrats, led by Senator Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY) are pressing Manchin on keeping in some form of family and medical leave—something CWLA has long supported....If the Child Tax Credit (CTC)’s monthly payment option is extended the IRS will need to have known by December 28, 2021, to assure the monthly checks can still be delivered to families by January 15th, 2022." **Family First Call for Program Recommendations:**Also according to CWLA, the Family First Prevention Services Act is calling for more program service recommendations to include in their list of services eligible for funding under FFPSA. The deadline is December 21st, 2021. <https://www.cwla.org/prevention-clearinghouse-calls-for-more-program-service-recommendations>. **State Government** **EOHHS**Implementation discussions based in the state's proposed Certified Community Behavioral Health Center recommendations are underway. See the EOHHS website for more information and to be informed of meetings [here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5xcXa_hKxj9LYyubyTWkIj1bQ9CeBS9siLw9Ank2e3HhI9JYFEwiS3VNJGdescMaHYhDosxbZKkY2ZvTmf9xe9Xr0KTp1BglSoy0dDrK6dAYzHKPbzdA4b5luvYThxXcbLyEC6gWac7E%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237634002%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=rzEsg3RcS8vx9WlvvuyWPANCuzyzLGzSfPa%2By1JLhIk%3D&reserved=0). ﻿**DCYF** **Monthly Dashboard**The DCYF Monthly Dashboard for [**November**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5qYtUmizfOH8WhTpTxEYK5xGT_epv6wyoeLcbx-d-_I9vE92swJ00VKLKX5Xv9-WC1c5zfaVv17FbL8dR31m4UhZ0YQkS_P5xRMrRnJ3BOLNHT58SwZuu2y9SMKWWM7jFoIdtASPIpbSb8Ubh4zZnatqDT6oaC9iaJdeYteg2t-8%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237634002%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=IiKD2DAPZqFBu4UwvayBrlx0iHDDsJEcdGY3X3tuQPQ%3D&reserved=0) and [**December**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5IHXcOyRUo2bRCHDtDiB5dxw1Qjl1n8igoal3wGbJuxyW8EmqIM_VwfobTkkjU4t_4gZsTmUW3wNlA13BPlvDT7STBkM6QtLqVymboAh5elmhOV_MPFKLpOc_BlQU4dkGi8XOpcHohBOX3axWA1Sj7sXm41d9lB3SAkphOST0ew8%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237634002%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=2ZXE6lwZiwTt20oD4JBNHoqLZwR4ENNCgBf8n8u2Yi0%3D&reserved=0) can be accessed here.  **BHDDH**Richard Charest, recently appointed Director of BHDDH will meet with the Coalition early in 2022.  **General Assembly****American Rescue Plan Act**There have been many hearings this fall regarding ARPA dollars and on the desperate staffing situation across most human services. See RICCF testimony before Finance and Oversight Committees by Tanja in **Media**, below.  The House and Senate Finance Committees will vote Thursday on identical bills [H**6964SubA and S1006SubA**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5BGlVUhr2P-zFSXZSDQ435rxtN_zUbiet62CbACtpoN13uDoSeg50O9pWqsVqPExPhSuZ6wJumnbpJmanhFPULrfvWmkpa1-yl1fpGciJZMzWE01WE3gBzKu628y77vId0Kum9t7e9Y3X6-Wgr98YXqaYy820hPw5%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237634002%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=88YYNAxq1f6lh%2FS1tQGfeqhmWxx56Ke9PhVE5yivflU%3D&reserved=0) to approve various proposals previously announced including workforce bonuses for Early Intervention, DCYF, and childcare. Assuming passage of these "down payment" bills, both are expected to be voted on in the General Assembly on the first day of the new official session on January 4, 2022 after which there will be a distribution process for funds. We will share all information as we receive it and continue to advocate for rate relief and continued workforce stabilization as well rate setting for child and family services.  **Media** **Senate Oversight** **10.13.21** [**http://ritv.devosvideo.com/show?video=72cbe79b3321&apg=46373b64...10/13**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5EORSoPN-YK-plO6Di8bxl_FFWNCizBQnbklyXAft3UCqb6hzleYc8_RcXY-Ex3IZMMQfvQuF-nfkNe_oQs2O7JgoXGRuYpwovYq0Azlh_IGCblxR3X_XUx6f4OkyVJC2aL4kouPLmQT-e0CMhJu_ohHzLaSmCxMV%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237634002%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=JK4%2BJUT7rwWGF5uVm5%2BdvloklrtTKiNUUFbc3Wd0ogA%3D&reserved=0) **House 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Thursday, December 16th at 11am.To watch the hearing- which will end with Testimony by members Ben Lessing and Bridget Bennett of CCA- click [**here**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5WAk7vERe6t__jVu4x1qH5loXt8pGUCcS6U6K2fiHwvI7ue3Lj2MgJW32yeznMWgibhN9u84rxF7asjyfHVM026dSTNUlt5FeQbcHok8Fn5CGnSk7oFF9sVWxGaHUz9jN%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237790251%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=g6JKdQdZimYDbrAmpUkN8ZaGBx3vhFk0kPr3oWTeoxo%3D&reserved=0)**.**  To watch the 11.30.21 hearing, click 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Child Advocate sounds the alarm, saying ‘It has never been this bad." The article ntoes "Rhode Island’s child advocate sounded the alarm Tuesday, telling a state Senate committee that children in state care are not getting the services they need and are often being shipped out of state." See **F**[**ull text**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5w3JiW-QP9gVnpg1cKrE5UTTERCG4xC6WomaPqitbbJpIigKqJMyOBbA-r6oPRlFrD3uSOwlRB5q8_n2QcNRY0wk6inWOfQSrI5PGILOModfe83Q2u7TMwcTzhSQP27ikf_4JCQfwRZ2KuuPrJVtixsZsJfg9UGbJTzOkNiRXhvo%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237790251%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=D3uxuKiyQiPa5OefjR%2FBJhMNp3Ldu4GmZS%2BG71FzutQ%3D&reserved=0). Dec. 7, 2021, We’re sinking- R.I. human services agencies face workforce crisis "Organizations in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut that help people with developmental disabilities and behavioral health needs are losing workers — and the people they help can’t get the services they need." [**Full article**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5EZzIsYnh18kbHiVnwN4Xqhu4JTmBIHcGBsnqtjXaP80M-H7_4Y-bc5Nh6Psc26WjkjEyMi2PsYlSL6tPV3s0AwgL7Y5ld-2vHC-DyrpulprOi8SlRLYZPt2z6rvuCFRvdl3f4qI0CXHnFrGNa-8a5UoJgdFQdd30BGgQxOJemXo%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237790251%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=hFWR6geDDV0AZ3jximdt5gxCwWxb98dVxkNmYZrVZ5M%3D&reserved=0). **Providence Journal Opinion.**December 14, 2021. "The State system continues to fail RI's Children" by Carlene Casciano-McCann of St. Mary's Home for Children**.** Carlene notes, "Human service providers that have been underfunded for years are vying for funding to stabilize and professionalize their workforce. All are providing crucial services to our state’s most vulnerable and at-risk citizens, and they are right to seek additional monies from the American Rescue Plan Act. However, this influx of dollars for services for children already experiencing issues is not enough to ensure we will meet the needs of children in Rhode Island now and into the future." See [**Full Text.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5lhDd3rVX2uSpKaR9eyY_oKWFI2RmdKTHFyxqYnInw85oUs4su9x9mrhFQpYECw7-UIedqSfCE7TqBTy0O9iG7ogN_1uAK6TcffOBeKptHn-Ii-8qFIyAxMrjQ2kCbZyBfKQQBhwB7BESYcmpWgbt1IRLUSw6aO7PWlkL1n8UuT4%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237790251%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=BsWuqFz0kq6f411eno1cJ9Fwquts%2FlO%2FYdaMZTe91NU%3D&reserved=0) December 3, 2021, It's time to pay community service providers a wage that is worthy of the work they do in our state. Representative Ruggiero states **"**Just as the governor and the state provided financial help to the restaurant industry to keep these small businesses from closing in every community, the private providers of community-based services are small businesses, too. These community providers are in every town in our state, from Meeting Street School, Family Service of Rhode Island, Child & Family and the Trudeau Center to Newport Mental Health, and these small businesses employ over 40,000 Rhode Islanders. Like other businesses, they have operating budgets, losses and hundreds of employees." See [**Full Text.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5ZmqNcQczIFxCZcGnmNg7smMLhFl9ahcCnyJh1r8kbEWncxs_5aBzAzjLHN4cAEylsXHjDLizN5-ukkVYlG4Soqvxt27Lp04klxjwW6skicur4JsVd23lUkCEM9pPXLoMk1WRs77CMi6QHxtP_HE8mVnUfghYSNrpm2wtmFDuIAgbjR9xQA0c237BQX-6vDnnIRw6x72ZO8XlgZLzvqdjOf0SljX68Vduhdk3LMdskZysi3Qggh0WsktR7y36MAKH%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237790251%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=cComdcEPnRe4gVeX%2FeY24QHNLbR22LK4KMEqtqkBW9M%3D&reserved=0)  Oct 25, 2021, Turning anxiety into action for a healthy RI, by Laurie-Marie Pisciotta. "I’m deeply concerned about the staffing shortages in health and human services across Rhode Island. This too can be attributed to the state’s neglect. Thousands of Rhode Islanders with disabilities, youth, and older adults are at risk of going without basic services like home care. Low wages cause high staff turnover, burnout for the remaining staff, long waitlists for consumers, and poor-quality care. Medicaid reimbursement rates are so low that many providers will not accept it. Mental Health Association of Rhode Island spearheaded legislation this year requiring commercial insurers and Medicaid to raise their reimbursement rates. It passed the Senate but died in the House." [**Click here for Full Text.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5U73djYi-VzDnvG6XDZeg7LV4qPhjMW3iqtuy-ItovKW7TY25RKzNJ9n8tDBgxdsNBK1K7ank9cy_vySkrMvrKjy2lX6tsh--At9UIqKKGuM2zz-5KPckiywtj64CMvY9pASi2wW6sQP0bGpbJhdOfNba56kBu2WJWTmq8eFkK8s%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237790251%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=n72oUPTeMWvXTYhR8UUf4og2CY9v6ZLDSj37iO6zr7g%3D&reserved=0)  October 21, 2021, RI faces a crisis in human services sector, by Benedict F. Lessing, Jr. **"**Rhode Island is now facing a massive workforce crisis in the human services and health-care sector. Staff is leaving community organizations in droves for higher paying salaries, generous sign-on bonuses and other benefits. Frequently, these are the staff that community-based organizations trained for years but can’t compete with the salaries offered by state agencies such as DCYF, DHS, BHDDH, Corrections or hospitals." 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All were among the group homes auctioned off in recent months to the highest bidder by the State of Rhode Island. “We would have preferred to put people in permanent housing, but [Gov. Dan McKee] has ignored our request to use state properties,” said Eric Hirsch, a Providence College professor who serves as chairman of the Homeless Management Information System Committee, which tracks people lacking housing and seeking shelter beds." 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We’re at the stage now where her next contact with the system is she’s probably going to get picked up and taken to what, the Training School and held? That's where we are with this. And that’s not an answer to this situation. ... I’m horrified by it.” (RI Family Court Judge Lia Stuhlsatz). 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"The Department of Children, Youth and Families contracts with three dozen different organizations to provide critical services. But a staffing shortage, made all the worse by the pandemic, is forcing those organizations to cut back their services and limit their referrals. “It’s distressing when my staff has to say, ‘We’re at capacity, we can’t take another case,’” Beth Bixby, CEO of Tides Family Services, said Friday at a roundtable discussion her agency hosted on the staffing crisis. [**Click here to view PDF.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq504X6mds39zDHgT7b6pd2EvKTAXAYZ4UXoUsILUjBGJTC2PxqduijfXIcINz_6MgNbrHiRlfAK88WwUZsqcV0Fkgfsq0WTJgqtIcXywJWeujv4PkRSieYP0PybCLgrcqr2s8VZDjzr86tDaHE3Bk03GhYhMYMwId4rN7iHB6B3QY%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237790251%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=cMDmzzj%2FKUwk4nArgpDVorQrioaKbugCYwm6%2FolKH40%3D&reserved=0)  ﻿**WPRI TV- November 29, 2021-Someone’s going to sue’: RI parks at-risk children in hospitals amid workforce crisis:** Hundreds of toddlers aren’t receiving early childhood intervention. Dozens of children and teenagers are currently parked in psychiatric and children’s hospitals. Rhode Island is getting fined $1,000 per day for the improper placement of children under state care. These are just some of the symptoms of Rhode Island’s understaffed social service network, which advocates warn is in danger of collapsing because of an exodus of underpaid employees and an inability to hire new ones. 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"Observing court one day, I heard one of those remarks that should stun anyone within earshot testifying in the case being heard, in which a family separation was on the table, the caseworker remarked, “No, I didn’t make reasonable efforts to reunify because the mother was homeless and was living in a room in a shelter.” Why didn’t the worker make any efforts? Couldn’t she have explored whether any services could have kept the baby — who had special medical needs — with her mother at the shelter? Was there any reason to think that services wouldn’t be effective? 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We are pleased to see that U.S. Rep Ro Khanna (D-Calif.) is now leading efforts to ensure this issue is receiving legislative attention.Rep. Khanna’s Accountability for Congregate Care Act (ACCA) of 2021, which will likely be introduced next year, would call for a congregate care youth bill of rights and an accountability for congregate care joint commission to advise on the closure of facilities that do not meet standards." Full text article [**here.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5GYXk3q4JnSE4rZOne5xz9d3L8fmqdJZinQfvgeG1y49LeQ2pZ486qngP1K1aY_jxEA5sF3xUP_RhiV7EmAOQy3P61gCkG76KA55wUnNrPogJjqb7aMzTymOOBq4bfN_yB8osc5lD9bti_o-s4a-8Iu0R_rWfcirTo-KlQPjm8GU%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237790251%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=nIEHPgcZ5e23xYgL1y7bAW7m5VZDFt%2FnbpQhuoZ9DNc%3D&reserved=0)   **RICCF** **RICCF Office**The staff wishes you and yours **a joyous and healthy holiday season.** The office will largely be closed from December 22nd- December 31st. Lisa will be in the office on December 29th and 30th and Tanja will be traveling but will respond to urgent policy matters. We will return to business as usual on Monday January 3, 2022.  We will continue to work remotely for the most part. If you have scheduling or programmatic concerns, please contact **lisa.kahn@riccf.org** **﻿** |

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| **Trainings, Webinars, Conferences, and Forums** **RICCF Members & Partners****Upcoming Trainings** **National Partner Trainings** **National Family Support Network** Webinar Wednesday December 15, 2:30-3:45pm. Uncovering America's Best-Kept Secret-Family Resource Centers. FRCs work with families across the country in a strengths-based, multi-generational, family-centered approach to enhance parenting skills, foster the healthy development and well-being of children, youth, and families, prevent child abuse, increase school readiness, connect families to resources, develop parent and community leadership, engage males and fathers, support healthy marital and couples relationships, and promote family economic success. [**Register here.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq52PldS9PBiVPWFBCpXcC55d4O4z8ZgiJrxevwMboUEWC2ZhaThaYHqdNNVfXaDjB9oxUQz6h0ya72FR8Y2FMMOww8JI-N4qhhHp2S0Gy4CH1CHuT2XIUutJUWuUuoy1qcNL8axQTTMyrRX4PBWxbhLssVl3NGNoe0zmM2i_sH8uhZYaqoJptuR-TYci7-i7oSYwOxHVi5N1k%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237790251%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=M5Dm3VOvo0GVEILERHfFVBtt1vBm3k3Rm0QuOb%2BVV8I%3D&reserved=0)  **Reports****The State Of Mental Health In America**Mental Health America (MHA) is committed to promoting mental health as a critical part of overall wellness. We advocate for prevention services for all, early identification and intervention for those at risk, integrated services, care and treatment for those who need them, and recovery as the goal. We believe that gathering and providing up-to-date data and information about disparities faced by individuals with mental health problems is a tool for change. [**Click here for full report.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5n5EJk96qGPTD3h3pKRKQ1pCyDjZVNCAFqsFN-ccvfrrqtB1CShQwCo7lauv92bNEwoTSWLIuIA7owfRhd-mYiwENE-kcphf0Xt8fuah_ami9VbEonthnQ3jocSdZyJa7%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237790251%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=HM17cQOdyaJsK0AoeXEeMiKNy4xxrVUG3MWueQgklYk%3D&reserved=0)  **Stress and Short Tempers: Schools Struggle with Behavior as Students Return**Schools across the country say they’re seeing an uptick in disruptive behaviors. Some are obvious and visible, like students trashing bathrooms, fighting over social media posts, or running out of classrooms. Others are quieter calls for help, like students putting their head down and refusing to talk. The behavior issues are a reflection of the stress the pandemic placed on children, experts say, upending their education, schedules, and social lives. For students dealing with grief, mental health issues, or the layered effects of poverty and racism, big transitions can be even more challenging. [**Click here for full text.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5KMwRI7DLNYuGSNNDC3Dgqy_WYy6Hd56IzYbEmv0RFgr_XmKNzNoxX0QqpU2qR-iX_LIUaUOM__kvuoe_PhYQ2BQ_fTVwKC5mtCJShceY8E4Y9fGxSD10wL1Y1EGZGjWdYL4h-bNNdb4brnSfR72acXAUFqY0mpQ-D2v4lKZnz8ChSbpMSWn2Gtbi01uKnKiAoBkAVA4gml4%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237790251%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=9eVxPwSW3JjI%2B4UthFKnlM%2FlLgE0nUZ2Cz7bk8MeM14%3D&reserved=0)  |

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|  **RICCF Legislative Awards and Annual Meeting**  **In case you missed it, the recording of our December 8th Awards Presentation and Annual Meeting is** [**here:**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5eITr29p55LzuCUM-PX5APYbpWRAcG2Gl3-NkpR8ylmMzGicoGF7aP_zfXhGem2L8VC4XskmZ4viFkAxwKu6zo0h4b8zLcb1Rx47e_resk7ZLHDA3jbS5l9Zu5ZKcwkW9i_U8rgEXnFwUzLZ2IqruwJ8USjFpeBaEFRnLFhK3r9uwCA7ni5_71uUyHqbkltHY4N4Umwey7jyW8f4rMQ1Epw%3D%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237790251%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=La8toUBMHStp0Kvx%2BmNDZg6JIbMKKfy4wITfDObtSFM%3D&reserved=0) **Access Passcode: wCK#7HHE**  |

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| **Upcoming RICCF Meetings** ﻿**Upcoming Meetings** We are continuing to use **Zoom Video Conferencing** software for meetings. An email invitation will be sent with login information for any meetings that we schedule until further notice. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa (lisa.kahn@riccf.org).  **COVID Check in meetings****RICCF-RIDoH-DCYF COVID-19 Check ins are on alternate Tuesdays**Time: 12:00 - 12:30pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)             **Dec 28, 2021 12:00 PM (This meeting is tentative due to the holidays- DCYF will confirm and we will forward if it is happening).** Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.Weekly: [**https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZYpfumgrzMpE9Tfc8kW69-Epgg9YW6HqtQj/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGqqjIqEtWdsxCHRpwQBor4c\_zzmFxej\_ppmhy9CBcFO07TJuVFa4tIRvDB**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq56XljAhFN8q_xQWR5GUkkZvyh4WjJ0cI6N7lmueimPyB6gGh1aI8W2F44KCwI6y3FEAHG7nc9hkR24pjfsCiSnk9teD8Ptt-KwhLIArnfRw-Ajl_EncWDZCZuyvdjQDj4n0U2tXjiu98Qdr-Uz1fOB0iw3kRBURHCyduyb1yM5x4pLG7qFokgy2t_6TEtXYg4_Ug7H5QsAPI9SnXhxJJXgPi-AGgZ9kwH9K0j0DJqhSeS42wrb3UakkLAUVj4Owwi%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237946483%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=N3equIxKsxKrFQj%2Bgwf8awalCmSlQyTn12eNk2O48lY%3D&reserved=0) **Join Zoom Meeting**[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82490818390**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5u646JJVFTh2s8YPXOnpGyL_weAtYjI3y7FlEGGbWZfaBq1ybgyUgwe6HcUsMs354tkLop7AaoKrMAJ22lOLrMsZ1d240dttwhXkg3hc8u3c%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237946483%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=Ms13%2FJlp7YlszCN7y4O35OsRWgqKuUG%2FiCT%2Fn1%2FVbO8%3D&reserved=0)**Meeting ID: 824 9081 8390****Passcode: 401401December 2021** **The Residential Committee** wil meet on Friday December 17th at 9am.  **The Legislative/Government Relations Committee** **will not meet** in December and will be held on **Monday January 10th at 1pm** due to Martin Luther King holiday observance on the 17th.  **January 2022** **The Children's Behavioral Health Committee** will meet on Friday January 7th at Noon. **The Legislative/Government Relations Committee** will meet on Monday January 10th at 1pm.  **The RICCF Board of Directors** (replaces Executive Committee**)** will meet on Thursday January 13th from 12-1:30pm. Changes to the RICCF bylaws were approved at the Annual Meeting on December 8, 2021. See the full report on changes [**here**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001r2xVP901UYWtaW6IhgXtXMvvN-MrKq3e2wmbip2m98wS80SrERNxsf-8Qdliebq5wtbUbgtf3ZZSGEdn9zMWNL2GAzA28ACPUWL3dAT0Hfr4G26mwkl2P5BklP90rycTP_9UR5po82df7qJjMYq9HkH1QugNA9vVf4pg0ZGWFnscxcZkce5It3fhKivdYqzR9ZkbJ98SEIjV9j-dlHsHJbnBsWRe9IKgNVx3uo4JE4E%3D%26c%3DwD7G2VhbDw7945ytD96DVarQyZS4YGp3STglEo1us3Cf3HazhAL9pQ%3D%3D%26ch%3D1FyGypLYk-YcBzofGNK6CuoP4PQ5X_O06NR3I6o7WPhGPcKHMCcG_Q%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cae224a63861240296a5b08d9c0afb935%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637752683237946483%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=GZQDVEim7xKGpS2vB6mdY44q6s6pY%2BbmOW6T3pt2RAA%3D&reserved=0). **The Foster Care Reform Committee** will meet on Tuesday January 11th at 3pm.  **The Education Committee** will meet on Tuesday January 18th at 2:30pm.  **The Residential Committee** willl meet on Friday January 21st at 9am.  **The Workforce Committee** is TBD.  **Full Member Meeting:** The next full member meeting will beThursday, January 27th from 9-10:30am and we expect there to be a February 24th meeting**.** A full, but more limited schedule of full member meetings will be published in January.  |

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