Key Points & Take-Aways

- **Chicago Furniture Bank**
  - They are conducting 10 virtual appointments per day via video call. Complete an online appointment form.
  - Clients can choose their own furniture if they have a phone, or a case manager can select furniture for client.
  - Furniture can be picked up (maintain 6 ft distance from staff) or be delivered curbside.
  - Staff will not enter units due to COVID-19.
  - Furniture donations may be dropped off at the warehouse. All furniture is treated with disinfectant.

- **Chicago Jobs Council**
  - **SNAP Applications/Assistance**
    - Information sources: SNAP advocates list serv, Shriver Center Help Hub.
    - Emergency allotment: In April & May all households will receive maximum benefits.
    - Pandemic EBT (P-EBT): Provides funds to replace the meals children can’t access while schools aren’t in session. Those not on SNAP will complete a simplified application and if approved will be mailed a LINK card. Undocumented immigrants are also eligible.
    - SNAP Waivers Approved by USDA: 6-month extensions to recertifications, ABAWDS are exempt from work requirements.
  - **Unemployment Insurance**
    - Pandemic Unemployment Compensation – Extra $600 per week.
    - Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation – Allows 13 extra weeks of benefits for a total of 39 weeks.
    - Pandemic Unemployment Assistance – Provides unemployment insurance for people who are usually left out (self-employed, people who didn’t work enough hours, etc.). However, there are challenges with this rollout.
    - Legal Aid Chicago has a hotline for people who are having challenges with unemployment.

- **Chicago Fair Housing Alliance**
  - The Just Housing Amendment went into effect December 31, 2019. The goals of the amendment include dismantling discrimination, ensuring people are reunified with their loved ones, and ensuring our communities are safer and healthier. We are better off when everyone has a safe place to call home.
  - Protections provided through the amendment include: making it illegal to impose blanket criminal record bans in housing and establishing changes in the housing application and screening process. For applicants with a conviction on their record, housing providers will need to conduct an individualized assessment and consider factors such as the nature of the offense and the time that has passed since the offense.

- **Audience Poll** – What resources to support program participants is your agency in need of the most at this time?
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