



**The Whirlwind of 2020
and Its Future Impacts:
Youth Protection Industry Leaders
Up Close and Personal
April 9, 2021**

Hosted by the Higher Education Protection Network

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month





About The Higher Education Protection Network

- Most call us HEPNet
- International association of 200+ members
- Four years old
- We work to protect children and youth in colleges and universities
- Our institutions serve **5.5 million** non-enrolled kids annually



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Welcome leaders from the National Alliance of Youth-Serving Organizations for Child Protection





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Today's Program

Round One

Overview of Pandemic Lessons Learned

Round Two

Key Future Issues

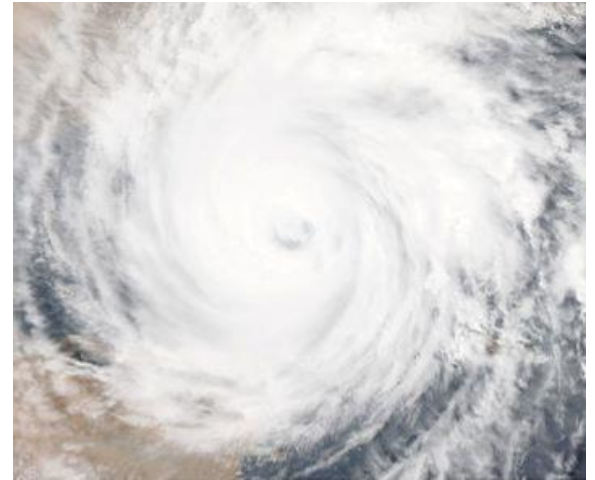
Round Three

YOUR Issues and Questions



We Welcome Your Participation!

- Please answer the polling questions.
- Type your questions and comments in the chat box.
- We'll cover as many of your questions as time permits.



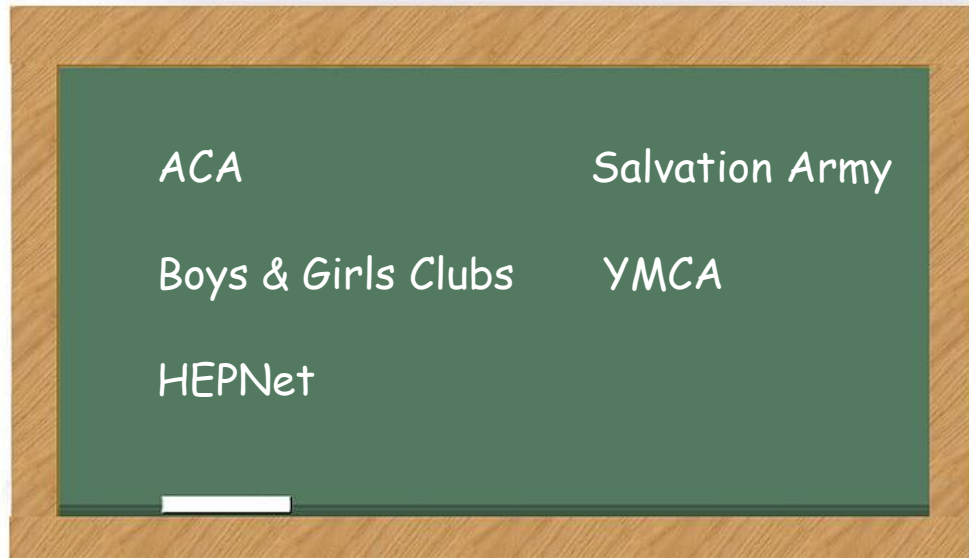


POLL: What is your main affiliation?

- A. American Camp Association (ACA)
- B. Boys & Girls Clubs
- C. Higher Education Protection Network (HEPNet)
- D. Salvation Army
- E. YMCA
- F. I work at a college or university
- G. I work or volunteer with youth
- H. None of the above



Round One: Pandemic Lessons Learned



ACA COVID Resource Center



Field Guide for Camp



Camp Business Resources



Health and Wellness



Mental Health Resources



Online Learning and Events



Virtual Program Resources



Staffing and Human Resources

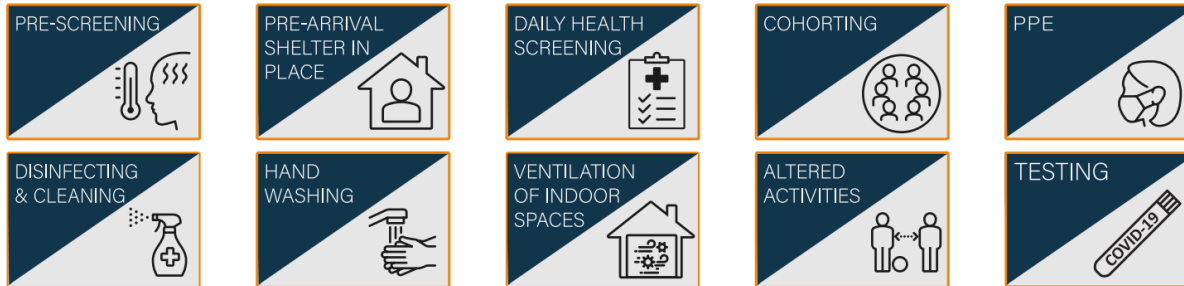


Marketing and Communications





Summer 2020 Effective Strategies for Camps and Summer Programs

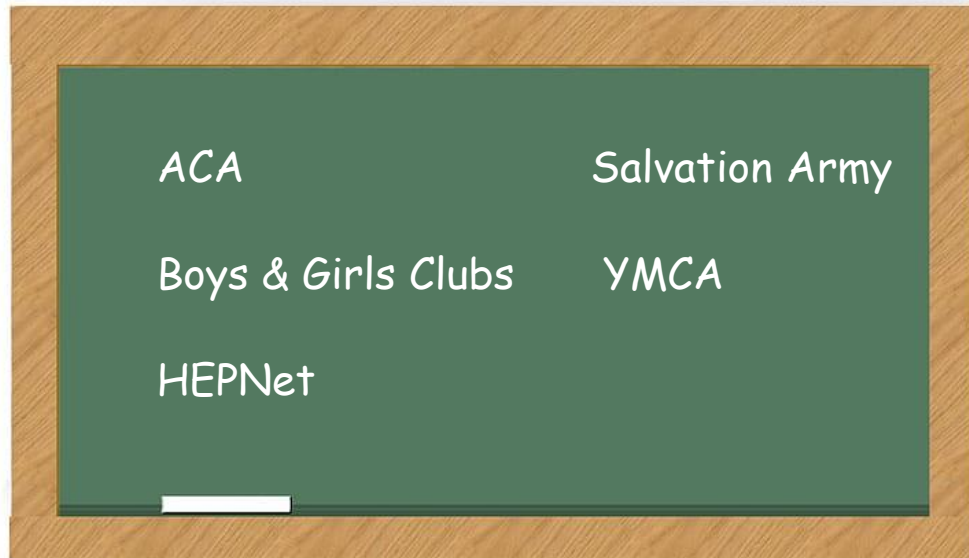




[Summer Camp and the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Comprehensive Report of Multiple Studies and New Parent Perspectives Report | American Camp Association \(acacamps.org\)](https://www.acacamps.org)



Round One: Pandemic Lessons Learned





Pandemic Operations - Boys & Girls Clubs

3,246 On Site Programs
135,587 Young People Served Daily

Program Types

1,928 Hybrid
932 Exclusively Virtual
102 Exclusively Providing Alternative Services



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As of 3/21/2021





Pandemic Operations - Boys & Girls Clubs

Providing Virtual Learning Centers

1021

Providing Meal Services

2732



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Round One: Pandemic Lessons Learned





Pandemic Operations -YMCA's

Social Responsibility

- More than 1,100 Ys offered emergency childcare
- More than 1,200 Ys offered free meals
- Housing
- Blood drives with American Red Cross

Youth Development

- Day camps
- Virtual learning locations
- Youth Sports

Healthy Living

- Y360
- Safety Around Water



Round Two: Key Future Issues

- ★ Trends in misconduct, reporting, and response
- ★ Response to mental health needs of youth
- ★ Disproportionate impacts due to COVID
- ★ Contributions of colleges and universities



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Trends in misconduct, reporting, and response

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POLL: As more youth-serving organizations gradually shift to in-person programming/instruction as COVID restrictions ease, do you anticipate a spike above average in mandated reports for abuse disclosures or suspected abuse?





Child Abuse Cases Drop 51 Percent

New York City ✦ The New York Times ✦ August 2020

“The steep decline could be a sign that an unseen epidemic of abuse is spreading behind locked doors, according to the police, prosecutors and child protection officials. As the virus has shuttered the city, the fragile system of safeguards designed to protect children has fallen apart.

Teachers are normally the leading reporters of suspected abuse, calling for help when they notice bruises or signs of hunger or mistreatment at home”.

~Nikita Stewart, The New York Times





Ecological Systems Theory

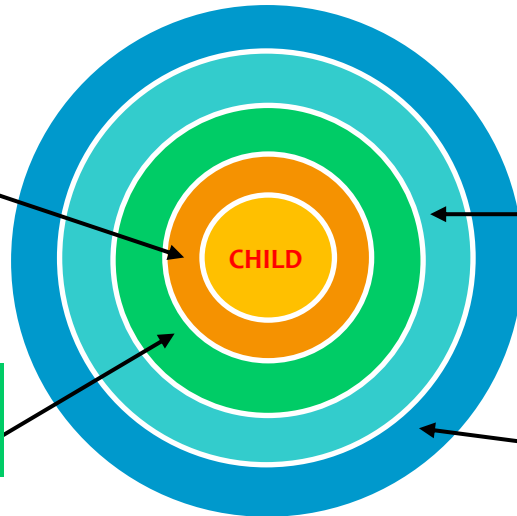
Urie Bronfenbrenner

Microsystem:

- Family, peers
- School, daycare, church
- Neighborhood
- Health Services

Mesosystem:

- Interactions between microsystems



Exosystem:

- Extended family
- Parents' economic status
- School boards
- Government agencies
- Social services
- Media

Macrosystem:

- Attitudes & ideologies of the culture



Response to mental health needs of youth

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Y-USA National Project: Mental Well-being

Supporting the mental well-being of Y staff, Y members and participants, and the communities we serve by integrating mental health and trauma informed care practices into our work.

- **Local Y efforts**
- **Pop Culture Hero (<https://www.popculturehero.org/>)**
- **Mental Health at the Y Framework (<https://www.laxymca.org/dinner-table-resilience/>)**



Disproportionate impacts due to COVID

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These are some of the things we noticed... now what do we do in moving forward?

- Employment
- Education
- Mental well-being
- Rights
- Social activism
- Strained health systems
- Household income loss
- Vaccination disparities



Contributions of colleges and universities

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POLL: Would you like to spend more time on one of these topics or move straight into “potpourri?”

- a. Trends in misconduct, reporting, and response
- b. Response to mental health needs of youth
- c. Disproportionate impacts due to COVID
- d. Contributions of colleges and universities
- e. Move straight into potpourri



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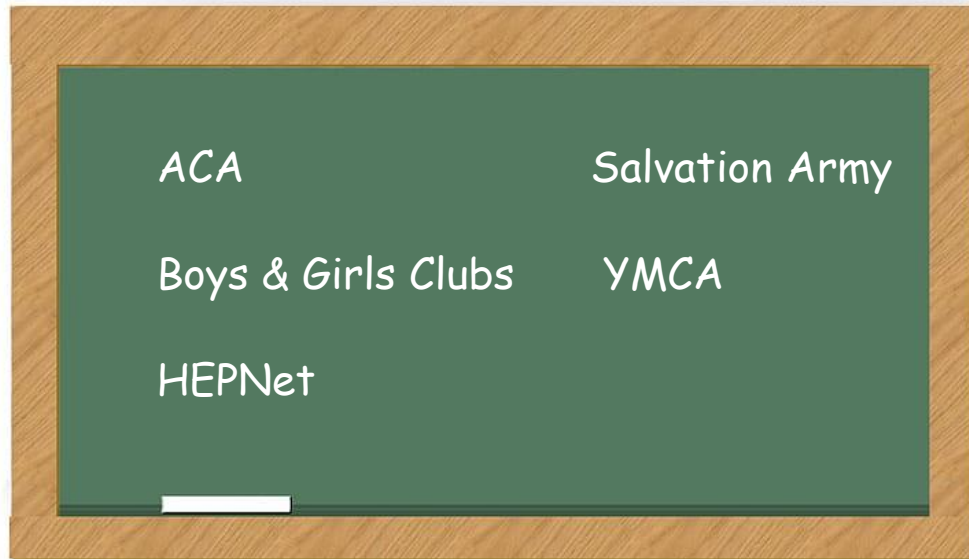
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Rounding Out



Parting Thoughts From Our Industry Leaders





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Member Benefits

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Programming
Professional Development
Services
Resources

- Learning on pre- and post-covid youth programming
- Networking and vendor access
- From the comfort of anywhere
- Registration opens May 1
- Only \$125 for members and \$225 for non-members



THE 8TH ANNUAL
Higher Education Protection
Network Conference (Virtual)

**SAVE THE
DATE**

OCTOBER
4-7, 2021

BACK TO THE FUTURE
THE JUXTAPOSITION OF PRE- AND
POST-COVID YOUTH PROGRAMMING

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Upcoming HEPNet Webinars - Members Only

- April 13 Spectrum of Summer Programming:
Virtual, In-Person and Hybrid Approaches**
Presenters from the University of Georgia and Inspiring Girls* Expeditions
- May 11 Reducing Risk of Child Sexual Assault in Youth-Serving Organizations**
Dr. Elizabeth Letourneau (Johns Hopkins University researcher)
With handy desktop guide





Thank you for attending!

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