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APHSA Stands Ready to Partner with Incoming Federal Administration and Congress

The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) Shows How Human Services Sit at the Cornerstone for Resilient Communities and a Revitalized Economy in New Transition Briefs

The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) stands ready to work with the incoming Federal Administration and Congress to address the profound economic, health, and inequity challenges before our nation. In their latest release, Cornerstone for Resilient Communities and a Revitalized Economy: The Role of Human Services in Building Well-Being from the Ground Up, they share how federal policymakers can help meet the most pressing needs of the nation while laying the necessary tracks for all communities to thrive. In their accompanying release, Laying the Tracks for an Equitable Recovery and Long Term Repair, APHSA outlines principles for an equitable recovery that redesigns systems to counteract long-standing structural barriers and advance race equity.

“Human services are the essential bricks and mortar that undergird what allows all of us an equitable opportunity to live our fullest lives. Human services help shape and support us at key points in our lives, opening opportunities for lifelong success. Human services provide foundational supports to families facing adversity and ensure resilience at familial and community levels that help us weather life’s inevitable ups and downs. They are a stabilizing force when we are hit by an unexpectedly severe storm such as the COVID-19 pandemic we are all experiencing.”

As a national membership association representing cabinet-level leadership of state and local human services agencies and the subject matter experts that help execute their mission to improve outcomes for people nationwide, APHSA is committed to working with every federal administration and has done so since their inception in 1930. As learned through the deep and extensive expertise of their members, and as the past year has reinforced, times of crisis and deep hardship call for pulling together, not for pulling apart. As the work to fortify America’s stressed communities and lay a stronger foundation achieves traction, human services leaders are already at work and look to strengthen partnerships and find new allies in the healing and rebuilding process.

The publications being released today serve as APHSA’s initial recommendations for the new administration, but they are only the start of the conversations, partnerships, and hard work necessary for an equitable and inclusive recovery as well as a safe and healthy future for everyone.
The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) is a bipartisan national membership association representing the cabinet-level leadership of state and local health and human services agencies and the subject matter experts that help execute their mission to improve outcomes for people nationwide. Building on their long-standing relationships across the human services field and direct connection to the in-depth knowledge of leaders who administer them, APHSA focuses on generating pragmatic, community-wide solutions that advance well-being.

APHSA connects its members to national policymakers and human-serving organizations across a wide circle of stakeholders in the health and human services sector, as well as key partners in education, housing, employment, and others. APHSA also helps members build more capacity for their teams through access to professional education and development conferences, technical expertise, publications, and their Organizational Effectiveness practice.

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