

Hello Mary Ann, it was a pleasure speaking with you today! As we discussed, I am sending you a follow-up email.

My name is Christina Brimm and I'm a social worker at Legal Services of Eastern MO in our Education Justice Program. I just wanted to check in with other System of Care partner agencies. In light of COVID 19, what are the issues you are seeing related to education access, food insecurity, barriers to accessing public benefits, unemployment, and housing/utility issues? Are there any families you think Legal Services should be talking to about these issues to see if we can assist? Please feel free to send clients my way directly. I'm also happy to meet with agency staff and provide support and/or do presentations with our staff attorney(s) on legal issues or give an overview of our services as needed. I can be reached at 314-256-8791 or crbrimm@lsem.org.

I also wanted to make System of Care folks aware that Legal Services has been putting together a comprehensive resource list of info related to COVID-19 which can be found at <https://lsem.org/covid-19-updates/>. Legal Services has also been doing Facebook Live presentations on various legal topics in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, which can be found here: https://www.facebook.com/pg/LegalServicesofEasternMissouri/videos/?ref=page_internal. Most recently we discussed MO Medicaid and other health insurance options during COVID-19 as well as a presentation on Special Education Services during COVID-19.

Lastly, I wanted to share info on Pandemic EBT Program.

P-EBT is a new Food Stamps benefit for families with school aged children (pre-K through 12th grade) who are eligible for the free and reduced school lunch program. Eligible families can receive a total of \$302 per school aged child. This is a one-time payment, loaded onto an EBT card, and the family has 365 days to spend the money.

Families that were receiving Food Stamps benefits in March 2020 do not have to do anything to get these benefits. The money will be automatically added to their EBT card in the next few weeks. Families that were NOT receiving Food Stamps in March 2020 will need to apply by June 30, 2020. Once these families are approved, they will receive an EBT card loaded with their total benefit amount. Families can:

1. Complete the online application at [//www.EmergencyMealSurvey.com/MO](http://www.EmergencyMealSurvey.com/MO)
2. Complete the paper application (attached), then scan and email it to: FoodandNutritionServices@dese.mo.gov
3. Complete the paper application (attached), then mail to: DESE Food and Nutrition Services 205 Jefferson Street P.O. Box 480 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Attached to this email is information on eligibility criteria, the paper application for P-EBT, as well as an FAQ. Since this is relatively new, our office is open to answer any and all questions families or agencies may have. I recommend any families that have questions about P-EBT or need assistance with their application to call our main line at

314-534-4200. An intake specialist will be able to assist and see if we can open a case to help. In St. Louis City, agencies can also reach out to our Children's Legal Alliance social worker, Clarissa Jackson, directly with questions/concerns/referrals. Clarissa's direct line is 314-256-8774 and Clarissa's email is cdjackson@lsem.org. In the County, agencies can also reach out to me as well to help connect clients to our assistance. I can be reached at 314-256-8791 or crbrimm@lsem.org. This is all public information, so please feel free to share out to anyone who might be interested.