Alliance State Forum

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Agenda

- ARPA Update
- Workforce Update
- SIS Process
- Questions
- Open Discussion

ARPA Update

- 53 of the 65 projects have launched
  - the remaining projects will go live July 1, 2022
- As of March 31st approximately $55M of the $530M has been spent
  - We expect that amount to ramp up significantly as contracts are executed, staff are hired and rate increases continue
- Quarterly CMS report is due April 18th; JBC quarterly report is due May 2
  - Reports will be posted on the website and are a great reference for project specific updates

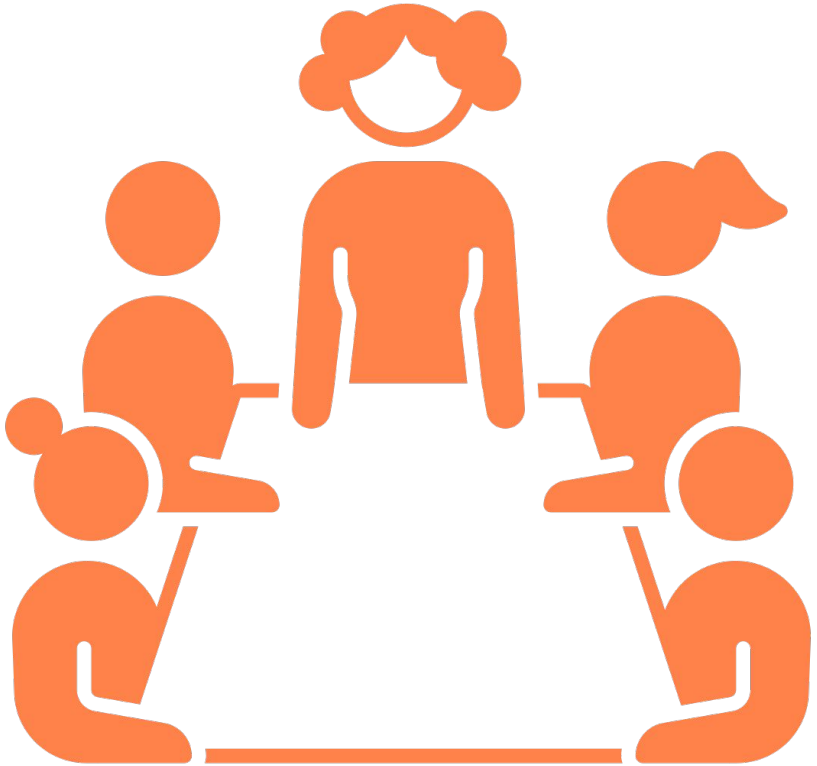
Website Expansion Update

hcpf.colorado.gov/arpa

- Huge expansion of content added to website at the end of January
  - New to explore:
    - Searchable Project Directory
    - Individual project descriptions and project category explanations of need
    - Project Pulse Newsletter archive
    - Article and Blog Posts
    - Interactive Stakeholder Engagement Calendar and Meeting Information
    - New Question/Comment Submission Form
  - Still being actively updated:
    - Full quarterly reports to JBC and CMS (just posted on 4/19)
    - Hiring efforts and job postings

New Stakeholder Engagement Plan

- ❏ Comprehensive overview of the stakeholder engagement strategy for ARPA Projects
- ❏ Includes types of engagements and methods of engagement
- ❏ Outlines expectations and responsibilities for stakeholders and the Department



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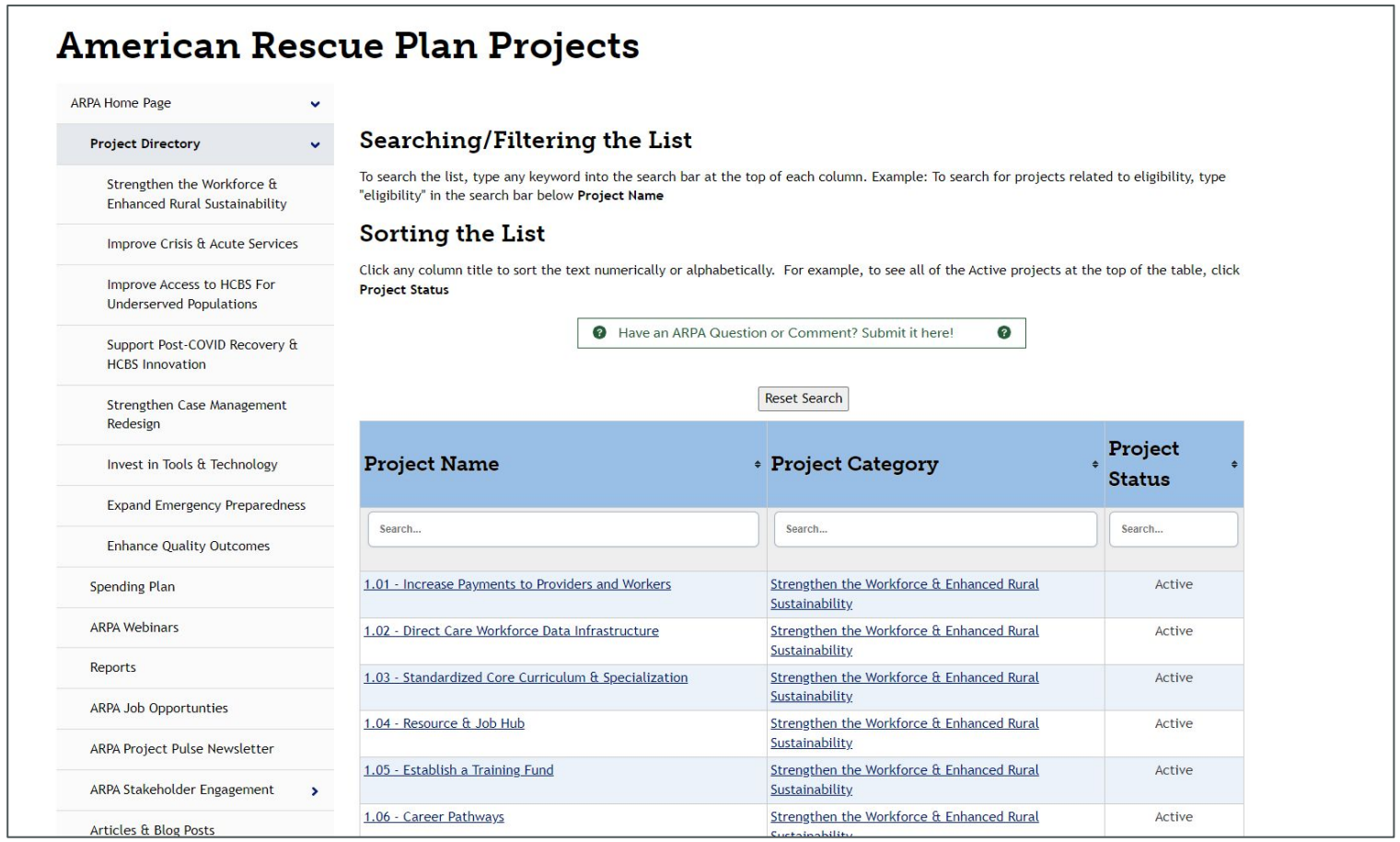
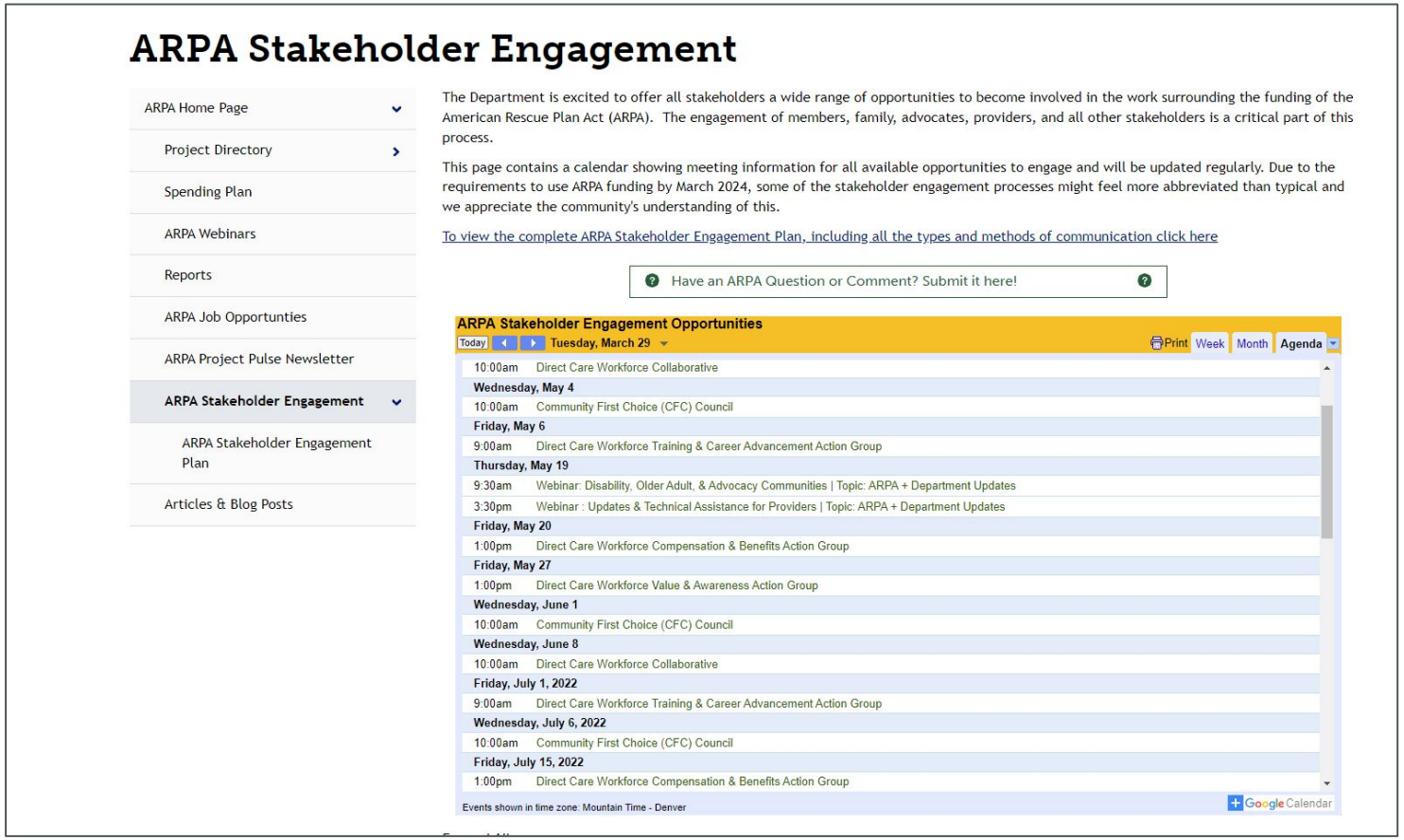
Project Directory



Includes a project director page where you can search by keyword to identify projects you might be interested in learning more about

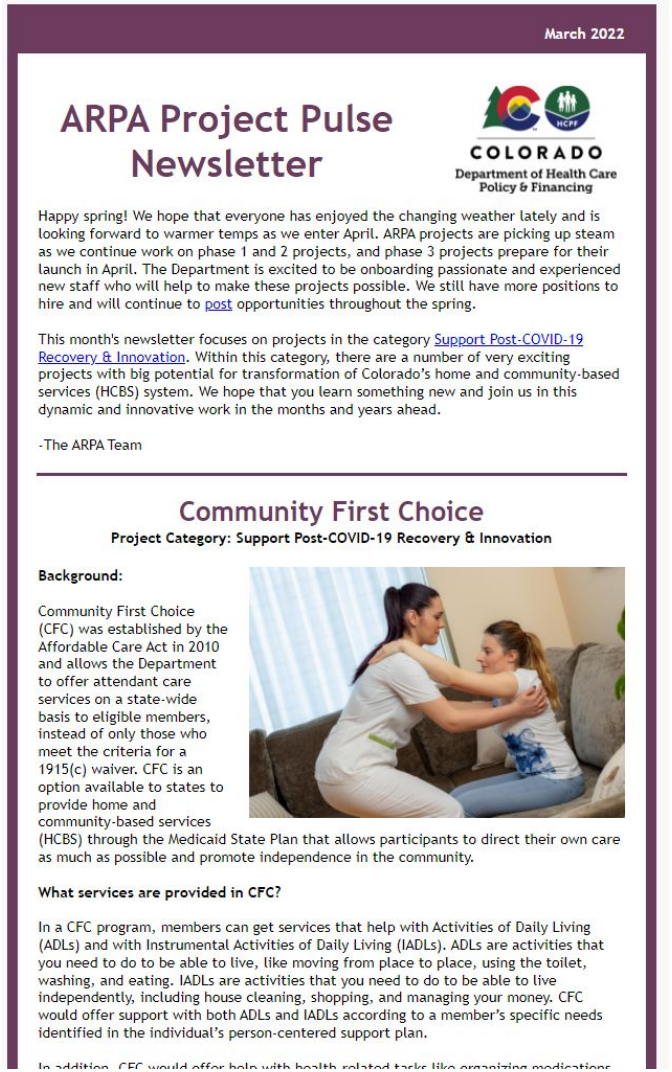
Stakeholder Engagement



Also, has an easy to use calendar to identify engagement opportunities.

- Once identified, you can copy the engagement information directly onto your own digital calendar
- This page will also host or link to all meeting materials, such as agendas, powerpoints, and minutes

Newsletter



March 2022

ARPA Project Pulse Newsletter

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Happy spring! We hope that everyone has enjoyed the changing weather lately and is looking forward to warmer temps as we enter April. ARPA projects are picking up steam as we continue work on phase 1 and 2 projects, and phase 3 projects prepare for their launch in April. The Department is excited to be onboarding passionate and experienced new staff who will help to make these projects possible. We still have more positions to hire and will continue to post opportunities throughout the spring.

This month's newsletter focuses on projects in the category Support Post-COVID-19 Recovery & Innovation. Within this category, there are a number of very exciting projects with big potential for transformation of Colorado's home and community-based services (HCBS) system. We hope that you learn something new and join us in this dynamic and innovative work in the months and years ahead.

-The ARPA Team

Community First Choice

Project Category: Support Post-COVID-19 Recovery & Innovation

Background:

Community First Choice (CFC) was established by the Affordable Care Act in 2010 and allows the Department to offer attendant care services on a state-wide basis to eligible members, instead of only those who meet the criteria for a 1915(c) waiver. CFC is an option available to states to provide home and community-based services (HCBS) through the Medicaid State Plan that allows participants to direct their own care as much as possible and promote independence in the community.

What services are provided in CFC?

In a CFC program, members can get services that help with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) and with Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs). ADLs are activities that you need to do to be able to live, like moving from place to place, using the toilet, washing, and eating. IADLs are activities that you need to do to be able to live independently, including house cleaning, shopping, and managing your money. CFC would offer support with both ADLs and IADLs according to a member's specific needs identified in the individual's person-centered support plan.

In addition, CFC would offer help with health-related tasks like organizing medications

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The Department is implementing a multitude of projects to expand, enhance, and strengthen the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) system from Fall 2021 through Spring 2024 tied to federal funding in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This newsletter will serve as a source for key updates on all project planning and implementation, stakeholder engagement opportunities, and other topics of interest related to the funding.

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Next Webinars

ARPA Quarterly Update

Thursday May 19, 2022

9:30 - 11 am - Disability, Older Adult, & Advocacy Communities

3:30 - 5 pm - Providers

OCL General Updates

Thursday June 16, 2022

9:30 - 10:30 am - Disability, Older Adult, & Advocacy Communities

3:30 - 4:30 pm - Providers

Workforce Collaborative Update

Vision

To be recognized as the central hub for action, expertise, and advocacy on the direct care workforce.

Engagement to Date

- 500+ people have engaged (Collaborative meeting, Action Groups, DCWC Leadership)

Going Forward

- Continue to grow participation/awareness/action with milestones and metrics to measure success

DCWC Role in ARPA Initiatives

Review Material

Direct Care Workforce Data Infrastructure

Provide Feedback

Standardized Core Curriculum & Specialization

Resource & Job Hub

Consult

Career Pathways

Public Awareness Campaign

Provide Insight

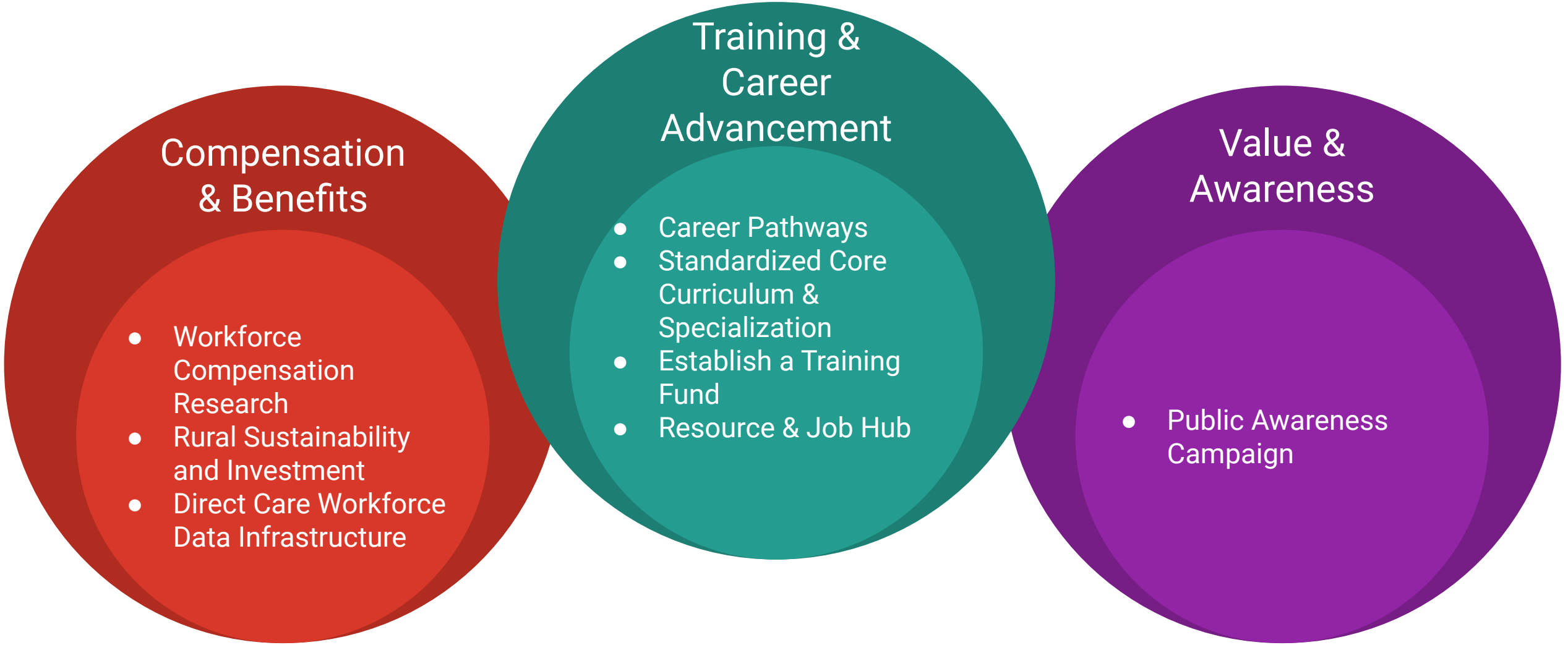
Workforce Compensation Research

Training Fund

Resource & Job Hub

DCW Initiatives & The Collaborative

Action Groups



ARPA DCW Initiatives

Timeline

Increase Payments to Providers and Workers	Completed		
Direct Care Workforce Data Infrastructure	**2022** Develop Survey	**2023** Administer Survey	**2024** Survey Report
Standardized Core Curriculum & Specialization	**2022** Stakeholder Engagement	**2023** Develop & Test Modules Stakeholder Communication/debrief	**2024** Handoff online modules Final Report
Resource & Job Hub	**2022** Stakeholder Engagement	**2023** Define Outreach Campaign Soft Launch	**2024** Go Live
Establish a Training Fund	**2022** Define Scope & Desired Outcomes	**2023** Execute Grant Perform Grant Audit	**2024** Finalize Audit Publish Closeout Report

ARPA DCW Initiatives

Timeline

	2022	2023	2024
Career Pathways	Validate Career Pathways Plan	Program Promotion Develop Career Pathway Structures	Develop & Publish
Public Awareness Campaign	Vendor selection	On board vendor	Final Project Assemble Project Documentation
Workforce Compensation Research	Stakeholder Engagement	Stakeholder Engagement Best Practice Research	Final Report
Rural Sustainability and Investment	GIS Analysis Stakeholder Engagement	GIS Mapping Tool Live Feedback Review	Provider Strategies Report Identify Rural Provider Partnerships

SIS & SL Improvements

- Work Group Formed
- Identifying Concerns
- Developing Solutions

Stakeholder Engagement

- New “Quality Lead” role
- SIS Interviewer Observations
- SIS Interviewer Community of Practice Meetings

Consistent Assessment

- Streamlined Reassessment Approvals
- Simplified SLR Request Form
- Accessible Support
- Person Centered Approval Periods

Streamlined Process

Co-Occurring Disability & Behavioral Health

- Questions from the Alliance Emergency Response in Communities (ERIC)
  - Co-Occurring Disability & Behavioral Health Recommendations Report
  - Training
  - House Bill 21-1166
  - Complex Service and Creative Solutions
  - Children's Residential Habilitation Program (CHRP) capacity building
  - Care Coordination

- Behavioral Health Reform, pending legislation, and next steps

Rate Increases

- 2% Across the board rate increase going into effect on 7/1
  - All but NMT and Massage Therapy due to Targeted Rate Increase
- 2.11% ends on 7/31

LTHH, PDN, and PPC

- Transitioning the management and oversight of Long-Term Home Health (LTHH), Private Duty Nursing (PDN), and Pediatric Personal Care from HPO to OCL
  - These benefits are traditionally long-term in nature
  - Hospice, EPSDT, and Pediatric Behavioral Therapy will not be included as part of the transition
- Good timing to allow for aligning benefits as we plan for CFC
- Formal transition date of July 1, 2022
- Following the transition this summer, the Department will begin holding public stakeholder meetings with interested parties about these benefits, UR/UM of these services, and next steps

Day Program & Transportation COVID Guidance

- OM 22-013 - Updated Guidance Pertaining to Day Program and Transportation Services
- Acknowledge that there is some confusing and contradicting information between State & Federal guidance provided
- Actively consulting with CDPHE
- Plan is to continue to defer to local county public health guidance
- Revised memo being drafted and will be released as soon as possible

Discussion

Thank you!