
#ForgottenFaces Campaign Update: September 18

Acknowledging those we've lost; working to ensure further lives are spared

From ANCOR:

Latest News: Congress Must Stop Putting Politics Ahead of People

With the election less than 50 days away, members of Congress are feeling pressure to come back to the negotiation table for a COVID-19 relief package. On Tuesday, Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, announced that the House would remain in session until an agreement is struck. Although neither party has advanced a new proposal at this point, pressure from advocates *is* mounting — and they are feeling it!

The timing couldn't be better. As we celebrate Direct Support Professional Recognition Week this week, signs of DSPs' essential contributions to the livelihood and well-being of people with disabilities are on full display. Now is the time to proclaim: Congress **MUST** do right by DSPs and the people they support, all of whom have become the pandemic's **#ForgottenFaces**.

We know that agencies that employ DSPs to deliver community-based services have been forced to make impossible choices to ensure the sustainability of supports. We also know that without desperately needed funding, many may not stay afloat through the winter, leaving people with disabilities with too few options and resources to live independently and in the community. This unacceptable situation will not change without congressional action, and congressional action won't happen without all of us being as loud as we can possibly be.

What We're Reading: #ForgottenFaces in the News

And Yet: 5 Actions Congress Can Take to Ensure the Pandemic's #ForgottenFaces are Overlooked No More

Sean Luechtefeld | Stories from ANCOR (via Medium), September 11, 2020

Stuck in the Middle

Barbara Merrill & Robert Budd | Stories from ANCOR (via Medium), August 26, 2020

TAKE ACTION: Congress is Feeling Pressure to Fund Medicaid Disability Supports Before Leaving Washington — Keep it Up!

Use **our email and Twitter tool** to tell Congress it must not leave for fall recess without funding Medicaid disability supports to survive the pandemic.