A Message from NJACP CEO Valerie Sellers:

Following what historically will be viewed as an unprecedented year, we at NJACP could not be prouder to represent more than sixty agencies that did an incredible job serving and protecting their clients throughout the pandemic.

We hope that our Members found NJACP to be a trusted resource for providers as we focused on meeting their needs on so many fronts.

For those not yet members in NJACP, below is a sampling of how we have increased support for our providers during the Pandemic.

In addition to the “routine” work of NJACP that is reflected in the Membership Brochure, we are providing you with this quick, thumbnail sketch of the work undertaken over this past 18 months by NJACP staff in an effort to serve you in the best possible way.

- NJACP developed and distributed The COVID-19 Daily update.
- Successfully advocated for DSP hazard pay, PPE, vaccinations for clients and staff.
- Absent having success with securing PPE for members, NJACP developed a purchasing collaborative for small to mid-sized agencies that allowed for competitive pricing associated with very large agencies.
- In addition to the monthly membership meeting, NJACP created regional meetings to facilitate more in-depth discussion as to what providers were experiencing and what they needed to continue to operate their agencies.
- A diverse group of providers was convened that surveyed DSPs, families of individuals with IDD as well as individuals with IDD regarding acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine. Results were disseminated via a white paper and the findings (before the vaccine was available) predicted the very outcome that is currently being experienced with staff and families receiving vaccinations.
- On behalf of NJACP’s members, solicited feedback from providers regarding specific issues while maintaining confidentiality.
- Continued to host speakers at membership meetings including Jennifer Langer-Jacobs, State Medicaid Director, Jessica Anastasia, Chief of the Bureau of Guardianship Services, Assemblyman Dan Benson (14th district), and Assistant Commissioner Jonathan Seifried, among others.
- Hosted informational meetings based on the issues confronting providers such as, Risk Management, Virtual Day Programs, FEMA, grants, business continuity, and cybersecurity, among other topics.
By sharing this information, it is our hope that Members continue to find value in membership with NJACP and that we have demonstrated how NJACP is solely focused on supporting its members at all times, even during a pandemic that continues to have an impact on all providers.

And for those providers not yet members, we would appreciate the opportunity to represent and support your agency for the remainder of 2021, 2022 and into the future.

Sincerely,

Valerie Sellers
Chief Executive Officer