

Quanahz

1) How has your life changed since March as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

-In the beginning of Covid19 I was struggling with my virtual classes, since then I have become more familiar with it.

-I also struggled with finding housing at one point, although the community resources were available, I did have access to some vital documents and the places that I could gain access to them were closed and it would have taken a few weeks for my documents.

-I have come across an organization that gave me an opportunity [sic] develop skills in professional web design.

2) What were the main or most trusted sources you received information about COVID-19 from? How did you act upon the information you received? Have you developed any new sources of information?

- I first learned of Covid19 from my High School peers and social media.

- I remain calm, and trusted resource, and follow CDC protocol.

- I now get my information from my Workplace.

3) What was the hardest/biggest challenge for you or your family during/amidst COVID-19?

- The hardest/ biggest challenge was getting Health Insurance and finding housing. I took longer than expected to get health insurance. When we found housing/shelter placement I did not have the needed documentation. I ended up going to live with my Aunt.

- Getting adjusted to virtual school was a challenge too. I needed extra help and I felt like I couldn't get it when I needed it. I almost failed.

4) In what ways did you address the challenges of COVID-19? What challenges do you expect will remain post-COVID-19?

-I had to keep constant communication with health insurance and purchase meds off of craigslist.

- I just made it through high school, before the pandemic I held fair grades and when the pandemic hit, and everyone trying to adjust to virtual learning, I struggled in my classes.

-I believe the remaining challenges would probably be wearing mask or constantly cleaning up after ourselves.

5) What are your greatest fears moving forward?

- My biggest fear is if Covid19 spikes in my state again and catching it.

6) Did you have any conversations with healthcare or other service providers about COVID-19? What did this conversation look like? Who said what?

- No conversations with any health care providers, but for some time I struggled finding housing due to covid19.

7) What COVID-19 resources are you aware of, or have you benefited from?

- Camcare health.

8) Do you think that all communities have been treated equally during COVID? Were there populations who were favored over there?

- Not sure.

9) Who do you think was left out of NJ's emergency COVID response? Why were they left out?

- Homeless youth (21 and under) – it became harder for us to access shelter, NJ 211 required an ID for placement and the DMV was closed. Some shelters were not accepting new intakes and other programs needed some documentations I couldn't provide at the time or couldn't get ahold of.

10)What do you think NJ could have done better?

- Provided more housing resources for the Homeless youth 21 and under.