with Executive Directors of family-run organizations. This infographic was created to capture their insights about vaccine hesitancy and the toll the pandemic is taking on families and their staff.

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  - How can they practice physical distancing and provide educational supports?
  - Will I.E.P. guidelines be honored, will there be support in the classroom?
- Families are dealing with mental health and substance use challenges all while dealing with COVID.
  - The correlation between the opening of tourism and the economy and increasing COVID cases has a lot of people on edge.
  - Our families are very concerned about the pandemic fatigue. Parents are exhausted. Kids are exhibiting stress, worry, and frustration for themselves, their families, and their communities.
- Our staff are and have been on the front lines. Because of the surge in cases and the delta variant, we may have to revert entirely to telehealth. We still have to serve families, but we have had so many people testing positive now.
  - The delta variant is really changing the landscape of this pandemic in dramatic new ways.
- Families are dealing with uncertainty, especially those too young to be vaccinated. They are made to feel bad because they are not able to return to school.
- The disparity between the “Haves” and the “Have Nots” is increasing and politics shouldn’t even be part of the conversation. It is really affecting families. They are made to feel bad because they can’t get teachers to work. They aren’t willing to put their own health at risk and masks are not required (Wisconsin).
- The challenge is striking a balance. As important as COVID is, the pandemic is just a small piece of what our families are facing. Since we started sharing information about vaccinations, we’ve seen our audience unfollow us on social media at 200% times more than the usual rate. I can’t believe we are talking about politics during a public health crisis.
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**Youth and young adults**

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- Parents are tired. The pandemic has been like a yo-yo, and they’re tightening up their quarantine so that they don’t have to worry about making more mistakes. They are throwing up their hands as if they don’t care anymore. (Washington)
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