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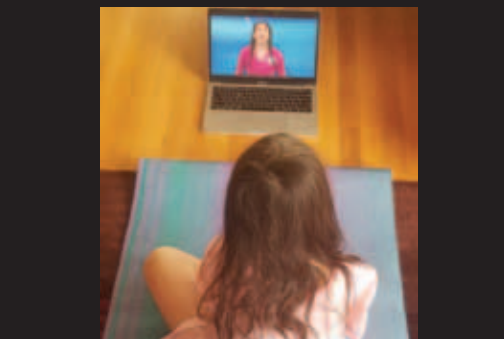
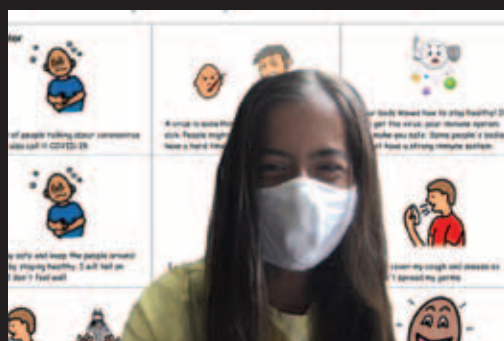
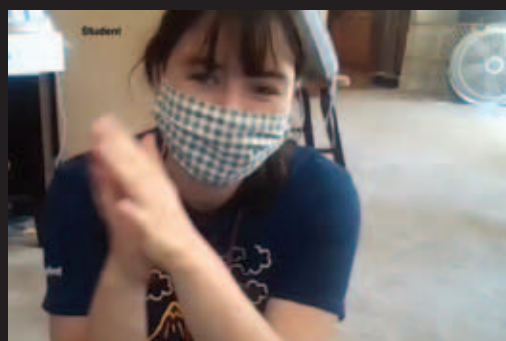
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## Virtual Education & Students With Disabilities:

*Supporting Student Success in the Time of COVID-19 and Beyond*

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# Introduction

Dear champion for a student with a disability:

Whether you are a student with a disability or an adult (parent, guardian, teacher or otherwise) who is championing success for a student with a disability, this guide is for you. Our goal is to be a timesaver for students with disabilities, as well as for the adults in their lives who care about them. This guide includes resources that can help pave the best educational and social-emotional path possible during this pandemic.

I myself am dyslexic and have ADHD. It was extremely hard for me to learn to read. Even today I need someone to check my math. It took a lot for me to gain the skills I needed to succeed. I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother, who advocated for me. Could I have gained those skills using only remote learning? Yes, but it would have been even harder. Today, as a proud mother who knows what it means to parent a child with an IEP during this pandemic, our family lived through the school disasters this spring. No family should have to go through this again. Hence, we created this guide to hopefully ease this road for you.

**To be clear, this guide is not original content.** It is a compilation of the best resources we could find. It still will take you a lot of time to go through the links in the guide to find the ones that will work best for you. You also will need to keep up communication with your child's schools and IEP/504 team.

The COVID-19 crisis has been hard on almost everyone. There has been loss of life, jobs and more. Tragically, it also has significantly harmed the 6.3 million students with disabilities who largely got lost in the chaos as schools moved from in-person classrooms to online learning. This is especially true for students who did not have good access to internet, computer devices or adults who had the time and skills to help them through online learning. Challenges also were compounded for the 740,000 students with disabilities who are English language learners, as well as the millions of others impacted by lack of access to food.

Still, even in homes with ample food, computer and internet access, and parents who were able to help daily, it was a mess for student with disabilities. Millions of students lost ground academically and many had significant increases in mental health issues. This was true even in some of the best funded and staffed school districts in America. Indeed, many teachers' unions tried to avoid meeting the obligations of IEPs and 504s. Thankfully, the unions were not legally allowed to circumvent the law, and there is a lot of litigation pending. The fact is that no child with a disability or family should wait on litigation to try to find the best possible solution for education during this crisis.

*That is why we created this guide. We know there are no simple or perfect answers. Our goal is to help you find solutions to help support students with disabilities, such that they thrive to the extent possible.*

This fall, millions of students will return, or *go forward*, to classrooms. With that being said, due to the continuing pandemic, many schools will be a hybrid model of in-person and remote education. Others will be fully remote. Regardless, due to underlying medical conditions, many students will need to continue distanced learning, while other students with disabilities will be returning to a “new normal” riddled with virus-related safety concerns in schools.

It can be very challenging to be a student with a disability even in the best of times. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, the gap in graduation and dropout rates between students with and without disabilities continued to undermine their futures. For example, in the class of 2018, only 66 percent of Black students with disabilities, 71 percent of Hispanic students with disabilities, 77 percent of white students with disabilities, and 79 percent of Asian-American students with disabilities completed high school. This compares to 87 percent students without disabilities overall. Furthermore, just seven percent of students born with a disability graduated from college pre-pandemic. As a nation we need to do better.

This guide is a stop-gap measure. School is about to start, and people need resources now, not later. Thus, with far less time than we might have wanted, we got to work. As such, your experience with each of the organizations listed in this guide may vary. If you have any feedback or encounter any difficulties with any of the resources listed, please let us know.

I, like many parents and people with disabilities, have found that advocacy is very important and can make a difference. We wrote to our child’s IEP team, principal, the school board, special education team, county, state and federal officials. It was clear that there was no playbook of proven solutions that everyone could follow. A lot of good people were trying to find solutions; but in a crisis, the squeaky wheel gets the oil. Thus, we who care about students with disabilities need to be loud and proud in our advocacy.

Thankfully, through ongoing engagement we were able to see significant progress in the plans for our local schools this fall. If you are a student with a disability or an adult who cares about a student with a disability, you too will need to develop relationships with the public officials who can impact the success of education, employment and other key issues for people with disabilities. The law is behind us and you will find that most are quite delighted to hear from you as they want to know what is really happening in communities and which solutions will work.

***Want to share your thoughts and concerns with elected officials? We’ve made it easy!***

RespectAbility has a free tool to help you connect with your elected officials. It is very simple to use. All you need to do is put in your name and address and it will automatically send your message to many relevant elected officials. Unfortunately, it does not have your school board or special education department, so you will want to go online separately and find those emails. But it will reach a large number of elected officials who need to hear from constituents who care.

To reach out to your elected officials via email, Twitter or phone, the easy-to-use form is available on our website: <https://therespectabilityreport.org/2020/07/26/ada-action-alert>.

Meanwhile, we hope this guide will be a big help to you in your journey to find educational solutions during this crisis.

If you know of other nonprofit and/or governmental resources that should be added to this guide, please send me an email at [JenniferM@RespectAbility.org](mailto:JenniferM@RespectAbility.org). We will continue to update this guide to offer people the resources they need during this challenging time.

We at RespectAbility wish you every success in your journey to a safe and successful school year ahead!

Respectfully,

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degree combining education, psychology and public administration from George Mason University and a bachelor's degree in psychology from American University. Kahn-Pauli is an expert in public policy who helps people with disabilities get the skills and jobs they need to succeed. He has provided testimony on education and jobs for people with disabilities in every state and holds a master's degree in social policy and philosophy from the George Washington University as well as a bachelor's degree from the University of Denver. We also were helped by [Heidi Wangelin](#), one of our previous National Leadership Fellows. This guide was edited by [Lauren Appelbaum](#), who has a master's degree in Broadcast Journalism from Syracuse University, undergraduate degrees from Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary, and a certificate in secondary school education from Gratz College. As an individual with an acquired nonvisible disability – Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy – she often publishes articles about the intersection of disability, employment, Hollywood and politics.

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As we began this project, we were blessed when [Nicole Homerin, M.Ed.](#), applied for a Community Outreach Fellowship with us. As an incoming doctoral student in special education at California State University, Los Angeles, she has more than a decade of experience working with individuals with disabilities. Homerin received her master's degree in special education from Boston College, where she was the recipient of the Bernard A. Stotsky/Thomas H. Browne Prize for Excellence in Special Education. In addition, Homerin holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Boston University.

Homerin served as Lead Special Education Teacher at a nonpublic school in Los Angeles for children with multiple disabilities and children who were medically fragile. She spent several years educating children with multiple disabilities at The Campus School at Boston College and in the Deafblind Program at Perkins School for the Blind. She also served as the Assistant Coordinator of Residential Living in the Outreach Program at Perkins School for the Blind. This Outreach Program offers public school students who are blind or low vision with the opportunity to focus on Expanded Core Curriculum areas that can be difficult to address within a school day, such as personal care, health and wellness, independent living and social skills. Homerin did the bulk of the work on this guide and we are deeply grateful for her commitment and thoroughness.

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As such, our collective goal is to give parents, teachers, students with disabilities and others a roadmap they can follow as they navigate solutions during these challenging times.

Thank you!

# Virtual Resource Guides by Other Organizations

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**Table 1. Virtual Resource Guides by Other Organizations**

Organization	Website	Additional Information
A Day in Our Shoes	<a href="#">150 Distance Learning Resources for Parents/OT/PT/Special Education/All Subjects</a>	K-12 resources including disability-specific categories and content area links
Amazing Educational Resources	<a href="#">1507 Amazing Educational Resources</a>	Search by grade and subject area, specifically by special education, dyslexia and intervention resources
Arlington Public Schools (Virginia)	<a href="#">COVID-19 Closure Tools for Parents</a>	Resources on assistive technology, behavior, d/Deaf, hard of hearing, eating and feeding, establishing routines, literacy, math, related services, sensory/self-regulation, social/emotional, speech, fluency and secondary learning
Boston University	<a href="#">Bilingual ASL-English Deaf Education Library</a>	ASL lessons, literature and teaching materials for K-12; also includes links to live events, such as ASL storytime
Center for Parent Information and Resources (CPIR)	<a href="#">Coronavirus Landing Page</a> <a href="#">Supporting Your Child's Learning at Home During COVID</a> <a href="#">Schooling at Home During Coronavirus</a> <a href="#">COVID-19 Info in Other Languages</a>	Supported by the Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education, the Center shares resources developed by Parent Centers across the country



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Colorín Colorado	<a href="#">Coronavirus: ELL and Multilingual Resources for Schools</a> <a href="#">Coronavirus: Recursos en español</a> <a href="#">School Responses to COVID-19: ELL/Immigrant Considerations</a>	Colorín Colorado is the premier national website serving educators and families of English language learners (ELLs) in Grades PreK-12
Council for Exceptional Children	<a href="#">Resources for Teaching Remotely</a>	Resources and webinars for families and teachers for teaching remotely, including section on birth to three (years)
COVID-19 Classroom (Harvard Medical School)	<a href="#">COVID-19 Classroom</a>	Students at the Harvard Medical School have collaborated to develop critical resources for students of all ages. <b>Resources include:</b> Caregiver/Teacher Guides, materials for elementary, middle and high school resources, as well as materials in French and Spanish
Dacia Sigler, Special Educator	<a href="#">Special Education and Distance Learning</a>	100 resources compiled by educators, therapists and parents, including short descriptions
District Administration (Steve Blackburn)	<a href="#">335 Free K-12 Resources During Coronavirus Pandemic</a>	Variety of resources for families, including curriculum, special education and COVID-19 support
District of Columbia Public Schools	<a href="#">Distance Learning Resources</a>	Resources for K-12 <b>Sections include:</b> specialized instruction (self-contained, inclusion, related services, sensory support, special education process guidance, Section 504) and language acquisition
Easterseals Southern California	<a href="#">Resources for Families &amp; Staff During COVID-19 Quarantine</a>	Resources for PreK-12 <b>Categories include:</b> communication and assistive technology, behaviors support, speech and language supports, occupational therapy supports, arts, movement, socialization and coping with COVID-19
Educating All Learners	<a href="#">Resources and Guidance</a>	Resources and research on a variety of topics related to special education for caregivers, students and teachers
Family Voices	<a href="#">Coronavirus Information and Resources</a> <a href="#">Resource eBlast: COVID-19 Series</a>	Family Voices is a national organization and grassroots network of families and friends of children and youth with special health care needs and disabilities that promotes partnership with families – including those of cultural, linguistic and geographic diversity— in order to improve healthcare services and policies for children
Fresno Unified	<a href="#">Special Education COVID-19 - Fresno Unified School District</a>	Resources from California’s third largest public-school district

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Health Advocacy Summit	<a href="#">Keeping Students Safe</a>	Resources for keeping students safe in higher education
INCLUDEnyc	<a href="#">Coronavirus Updates</a> <a href="#">Coronavirus Resources</a>	INCLUDEnyc is the leading provider of training and information for young people with any disability (age 0-26) in New York City, their families, and the professionals who support them
Kansas Department of Education	<a href="#">Distance Learning for Special Education</a>	Resources for PreK-Transition <b>Sections include:</b> behavior supports, communication supports, motor activities, visual supports, social emotional, and recreation and leisure
Learning Policy Institute	<a href="#">Resources and Examples: Learning in the Time of COVID-19</a>	The Learning Policy Institute conducts and communicates independent, high-quality research to improve education policy and practice. This page is updated regularly and curates some of these resources based on the recommendations of LPI research teams and LPI partners
Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)	<a href="#">COVID-19 Resources for Parents of Students with Disabilities / Recursos para Padres de Alumnos con Discapacidades</a> <a href="#">Virtual IEP Team Meeting Informational Video for Parents / Información Para Padres Sobre la Reunión Virtual del Equipo del IEP</a>	As the second largest school district in the U.S. and the second-largest employer in L.A. County, LAUSD consistently has developed new resources as the COVID-19 crisis has continued
Massachusetts Advocates for Children	<a href="#">COVID-19 Information Clearinghouse</a>	Resources for PreK-12 <b>Topics included:</b> general academics, anxiety, Autism Spectrum Disorders, basic needs, behavior, social-emotional, special education and transition
Massachusetts Council for Exceptional Children	<a href="#">Resource Folders</a>	Lesson Plans and activities for PK-12
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	<a href="#">COVID-19 Information and Resources for Special Educators</a>	This page provides information for Special Education Directors about the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and will be updated as additional guidance is available
Mississippi Department of Education	<a href="#">Hearing and Vision At-Home Resources</a>	PK-12 resources for students who are d/Deaf, hard of hearing, blind and low vision

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Motion Light Lab (ML2)	<a href="#">ASL Literacy Activities</a>	An interdisciplinary lab drawing on expertise from across the wider Gallaudet University network, Motion Light Lab (ML2) explores creativity, art, design, aesthetics, and our understanding of the world. The ASL Literacy Activities page contains materials ranging from daily activities to storybooks as well as intersectional literature from BIPOC leaders
National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)	<a href="#">Resources &amp; Tools: COVID-19</a>	Offers resources for parents, educators and young adults with disabilities, NCLD's website offers a wide network of connections and resources
National Center for Special Education in Charter School	<a href="#">Family Resources</a>	Resources guide parents through the special education process and laws in charter schools
National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations	<a href="#">Resource Library</a>	Resources can be searched by category, resource type, audience and language (Chinese, English, French, Spanish)
National Center for Systematic Improvement (NCSI)	<a href="#">COVID-19 Resources for Supporting Students with Disabilities</a>	Resources for PK-12 for student learning, training for parents and educators <b>Filters by:</b> media type, resource type, age group, audience, cost and content area
New York City Department of Education	<a href="#">Helpful Links for COVID-19</a> <a href="#">Special Education Learn at Home Resources</a> <a href="#">Assistive Technology Supports</a>	Special education and COVID-19 related resources for New York City area students with disabilities and their families
New York State Education Department (NYSED)	<a href="#">COVID-19 Resources for Families and Communities</a> <a href="#">Continuity of Learning</a>	The New York State Education Department (NYSED) provides guidance regarding COVID-19 for schools across the state to help us ensure the health and safety of students. The guidance provides important information about child care, child nutrition and meals, continuity of learning, special education, state assessments, school closures, and more. The website also provides guidance for colleges and universities, adult education programs, and licensed professionals, in addition to other important information.
North Reading Public Schools (Massachusetts)	<a href="#">NRPS Elementary Sites</a>	List of accessible apps and websites by grade levels, K-5
Office of Special Education Programs	<a href="#">Continuity of Learning During COVID-19</a>	PK-12 resources that can be narrowed by disability category and grade level; resources for families, teachers and related service providers

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Open Community Homeschooling Resource	Literacy Resources for Learning at Home ( <a href="#">Google Document</a> )	Not specific to special education but does include special education resources
Parent to Parent USA (P2P USA)	<a href="#">COVID-19 Resources</a>	Parent to Parent USA (P2P USA) is a national nonprofit organization that promotes excellence in P2P programs across the nation
Pathfinders for Autism	<a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources Page</a>	Pathfinders for Autism works to support and improve the lives of individuals affected by autism through expansive, individualized programming, and by providing resources, training, information and activities free of charge
Paths to Literacy	<a href="#">Online Learning Opportunities from Schools for the Blind and Related Organizations</a>	Resources for students who are blind and low vision, including TVI and O&M services
Paths to Literacy (Kevin Hollinger)	<a href="#">Virtual Field Trips that are accessible to students with low vision</a>	Paths to Literacy is a joint project of Perkins School for the Blind and Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI). Paths hosts a range of virtual field trips compliant with Section 508 accessibility requirements.
PBS SoCal	<a href="#">At-Home Learning</a> <a href="#">Digital Backpacks for Kids / Mochilas Digitales Para Niños</a>	At-Home Learning — Summer Edition — is an early childhood education resource (for ages 2-8) to help families, educators and community partners curb the summer slump while supporting students as they gear up for the next school year. Find at-home learning activities, guides, and expert advice below, to expand learning and family engagement.
Rhode Island Department of Education	<a href="#">COVID-19 Special Education Resources</a>	Resources for teachers, paraprofessionals, early childhood special education, related service providers, parents and special education procedures
San Diego County Office of Education	<a href="#">Language Development Resources for EL Students by Language Strand and Content</a>	Curated list of resources for teachers working in California’s second largest school district
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control	<a href="#">Children’s Activity Book</a> <a href="#">COVID-19 LIBRO DE ACTIVIDADES PARA EL NIÑO</a>	This children’s activity book, available in both English and Spanish, helps children better understand the COVID-19 pandemic, life-saving hygiene measures and personal safety

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)	<a href="#">COVID-19 Resources in Plain Language</a>  <a href="#">COVID-19 and IDEA Part B Special Education / COVID-19 y IDEA Parte B Educación Especial</a>  <a href="#">COVID-19 &amp; IDEA PART C EARLY INTERVENTION / COVID-19 Y IDEA PARTE C INTERVENCIÓN TEMPRANA</a>	The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is established by state and federal law as an independent state agency to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and supports they need
UCLA Center for Autism Research and Treatment (CART)	<a href="#">COVID-19 Resources</a>	Educational resources for students with ASD, epilepsy, Angelman Syndrome; local resources, resources in Spanish, emergency preparedness and mental health
Understood.org	<a href="#">Coronavirus: Latest Updates and Tips</a>  <a href="#">Coronavirus: información reciente y recomendaciones</a>	Understood.org offers English and Spanish language resources related to learning disabilities, parent advocacy and educator materials
U.S. Department of Education	<a href="#">COVID-19 ("Coronavirus") Information and Resources for Schools and School Personnel</a>  <a href="#">Remote Learning: Resources for Educators, Administrators and Related Service Providers</a>  <a href="#">Resources for Learning at Home</a>  <a href="#">Factsheet: Providing Services to English Learners During the COVID-19 Outbreak</a>	Since the beginning of the pandemic, the U.S. Department of Education has posted a wide range of COVID-related resources for educators, administrators, parents and students. Documents include guidance on re-opening schools, remote learning resources, as well as details on supporting English Language Learners (ELL)
WestEd	<a href="#">COVID-19 Resources for Educators</a>  <a href="#">Resource Planning for Students with Disabilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic</a>	A nonpartisan, nonprofit research, development, and service agency working with education and other communities throughout the United States and abroad, WestEd aims to improve education and other important outcomes for children, youth and adults
xMinds Partnership for Extraordinary Minds	<a href="#">Updates &amp; Communications Re: COVID-19</a>	xMinds is dedicated to supporting the educational experiences and outcomes of students on the autism spectrum in Montgomery County, Maryland

# Homeschool Programs

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**Table 2. Virtual Homeschooling Programs**

Organization	Location	Grade	Accessibility 1. Low Vision/Blind 2. d/Deaf, Hearing Impaired 3. Related Services Offered (If Applicable)	Populations of Students Served (If Applicable)
<a href="#">Academica</a>	Charter Schools (165; 133 in FL) and 8 other states	K-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. Some videos have caption and podcasts. Audio voice without video	
<a href="#">Acellus</a>	Missouri-online accredited for students with disabilities	K-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. No captions on their videos	
<a href="#">Aleks</a>	Nationwide online	K-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used; contains a video-that does not have audio descriptions 2. Instructor training center: Tutorial video and tour video have no captions; only two videos have captions on YouTube.	
<a href="#">Bridgeway Academy</a>	Nationwide Accreditation-Synchronous and Asynchronous Options	PreK-12	1. Navigation=Good accessibility, but the graphics/pictures need Alt text 2. No caption on their videos 3. Access to online class	HOPE Project-supports students with learning disabilities (dyslexia, processing disorders autism, ADD, ADHD etc.)
<a href="#">Christa McAuliffe Academy School of Arts and Sciences</a>	Nationwide Online Private School	K-5	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. Some videos have captions while others do not	
<a href="#">Connections Academy</a>	Maryland Public Charter School	K-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. Video with captions for lessons	
<a href="#">Curriculum Express</a>	Pennsylvania; online resources	PreK-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. No captions with video	



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<a href="#">eAchieve Academy</a>	Wisconsin Public Charter School	K-12 including students with disabilities	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. Captions on all videos	
<a href="#">Edgenuity</a>	Virtual Instruction Program; FLA	6-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. No caption on video on the homepage	
<a href="#">Edmentum</a>	Virtual Instruction Program; FLA	6-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. Most videos have accessible caption	
<a href="#">Hidden Sparks</a>	NY-based; National	K-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. Video has no caption	
<a href="#">Illinois Virtual School</a>	Illinois supplemental online program- cannot earn diploma	Middle school to high school	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. No video	
<a href="#">K12 Online School</a>	Nationwide tuition-free online school with accreditation	K-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. All videos have captions	
<a href="#">Keystone School Online</a>	Public Charter School	K-12, Adults working on GEDs	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. Video has captions and also activity resources	
<a href="#">Laurel Springs</a>	Nationwide accredited online school- asynchronous learning	K-12	1. Navigation=accessible; alt-text used 2. No videos but live chat online 3. Access to online class and program for varies students	
<a href="#">Learning Essentials</a>	Homeschool Program providing 20 hours direct/indirect instruction per week	K-6	1. Navigation=accessible; alt-text used 2. No videos 3. Access online for tutoring and & IEP	Educational therapists provided to support students with learning disabilities

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<a href="#">Mater Virtual Academy</a>	Virtual Instruction Program	6-12	1. Navigation is not accessible; for single pictures, alt-text is used; for albums, no alt-text is used 2. No captions on their videos, and in class, all on the computer, with use of headphones	
<a href="#">North Carolina Virtual School</a>	Nationwide Charter School	6-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. No video 3. Access to peer tutoring and one-on-one access to teacher to meet IEP requirements	
<a href="#">North Dakota Distance Learning Education</a>	North Dakota Accredited Online School	6-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. Video has captions	
<a href="#">Obridge Academy</a>	Private School, NY	K-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. Video has captions	
<a href="#">Ohio Distance Education and Learning Academy</a>	Ohio	K-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. There is only one video with closed captions on the homepage	
<a href="#">Orion High School</a>	Texas Online Accredited Private School	K-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. No videos	
<a href="#">Pennsylvania Virtual School</a>	Free Public Charter School	K-12 including students with disabilities	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. There are two videos with captions	
<a href="#">Shalom Learning</a>	International Jewish Online School-Synchronous Classes Provided	K-7	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. Some videos have captions	
<a href="#">Somerset Virtual Academy</a>	Florida Accredited Online School	K-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. No video	

Organization	Location	Grade	<b>Accessibility</b> 1. Low Vision/Blind 2. d/Deaf, Hearing Impaired 3. Related Services Offered (If Applicable)	Populations of Students Served (If Applicable)
<a href="#">Summit Learning</a>	Provides Curriculum that is Standards-Based in 38 states	4-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. Videos include closed captions	
<a href="#">Time4Learning</a>	Nationwide-not accredited; asynchronous lessons	PreK-12	1. Navigation= very accessible with attention to alt-text 2. Videos include captions 3. No services for d/Deaf or hard of hearing students	Supports students with dyslexia, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Down syndrome, ADHD, Auditory Processing Disorder
<a href="#">Virtual Prep Academy</a>	Tuition-free Full-Time Online Public School; Kern, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Riverside and Inyo Counties in CA	K-12	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. No video	
<a href="#">WiloStar 3D</a>	Nationwide Accredited Online Program	6-12 including students with disabilities	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. No videos to check for captioning	Programs for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and students with learning disabilities
<a href="#">Wisconsin Virtual Academy</a>	Wisconsin Accredited Online Program	PreK-12 including students with disabilities	1. Navigation=accessible; no alt-text used 2. Videos include captions	

# Additional Virtual Resources

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**Table 3. Additional Virtual Resources**

Organization	Description	Grade	Skills Addressed	Cost
<a href="#">Ablenet</a>	Lessons and activities in language and vocabulary for AAC users and students who benefit from visual support for communication  No videos; All online programs are virtual, including tools, game boards, and numbers	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Expressive Language</li> <li>• Literacy</li> <li>• Receptive Language</li> <li>• Sentence Building</li> <li>• Vocabulary</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">American Occupational Therapy Association</a>	Resources for supporting back to school safety; additional resource tips for teachers and educators to support students transitioning back to school	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom Setup</li> <li>• Cleaning Equipment</li> <li>• Distance Learning</li> <li>• Masks and Face Coverings</li> <li>• Mental/Behavior Health</li> <li>• Supporting Students with Autism</li> <li>• Transition Back to School Support</li> <li>• Transportation Concerns</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">Better Lesson</a>	Lesson plans geared toward educators in ELA, math and science	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELA</li> <li>• Formative Assessment</li> <li>• Instructional Strategies</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Routines and Procedures</li> <li>• Science</li> </ul>	Free

Organization	Description	Grade	Skills Addressed	Cost
<a href="#">Described and Captioned Media Program</a>	Accessible educational videos in a variety of content areas; English and Spanish audio described and captioning as well as videos with ASL	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts</li> <li>• Blind Life</li> <li>• Business</li> <li>• Careers</li> <li>• Counseling and Self-Help</li> <li>• Deaf Life</li> <li>• Deafblind Life</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• Health and Safety</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Home and Family</li> <li>• Language Arts</li> <li>• Literature</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Religion, Philosophy and Spirituality</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Social Science</li> <li>• Sports and Recreation</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">Epic Books</a>	eBooks available including read alouds, read alongs, learning videos and quizzes; Spanish also available	PreK-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STEAM-Aligned Literacy Content</li> <li>• Decoding</li> <li>• Listening</li> <li>• Reading Comprehension</li> <li>• Vocabulary</li> <li>• Word Tracking</li> </ul>	30 Days Free Trial
<a href="#">Head Start</a>	Weekly lessons in six languages for Early Head Start and Head Start; additional resources to support caregivers	Birth-K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Movement</li> <li>• Sensory</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Toilet Training</li> </ul>	Free

Organization	Description	Grade	Skills Addressed	Cost
<a href="#">HelpKidzLearn</a>	More than 100 accessible learning activities, which cater to a wide range of users with severe and complex needs, learning disabilities and are accessible by mouse and keyboard, one or two switches, touch and eye gaze; ChooseItMaker to create your own activities; ReadyMade multi-choice curriculum activities	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cause/Effect</li> <li>• Choice Making                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Eye Gaze/CVI</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Literacy</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Vision Tracking</li> </ul>	Free 14 Day Trial
<a href="#">Lexplore</a>	Multi-Sensory Literacy Activities; geared toward struggling readers and students with literacy-based disabilities; live training webinars for teachers and families	K-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy</li> <li>• Phonological awareness</li> <li>• Reading comprehension</li> <li>• Decoding</li> <li>• Fluency</li> <li>• Home learning series</li> <li>• Reading routines</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">National Technical Assistance Center on Transition/Workforce Innovation Technical Assistance Center</a>	Guidance on supporting transition age students with disabilities through virtual learning; based on Webinar “Employment Preparation and Work Based Learning Experiences in a Virtual World”	Transition Age Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work-based pre-employment virtual learning experiences</li> <li>• Employer engagement during virtual learning</li> <li>• Remote job shadowing</li> <li>• Online career tours</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">New2You</a>	Standards-based curriculum, weekly newspaper and communication tools	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Literacy</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Sensory</li> <li>• Social Skills</li> <li>• Social Studies</li> </ul>	Free trial; cost varies based on package



Organization	Description	Grade	Skills Addressed	Cost
<a href="#">Outschool</a>	Synchronous online classes in a variety of topics and academic subject areas	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts</li> <li>• Coding &amp; Tech</li> <li>• English</li> <li>• Health and Wellness</li> <li>• Life Skills</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Science &amp; Nature</li> <li>• Social Studies</li> <li>• World Languages</li> </ul>	Many free courses, additional courses starting at \$10; Free teacher training and webinars
<a href="#">San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) Distance Learning Units of Study</a>	Thematic units organized by grade level for general education and special education	K-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Literacy</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Social Studies</li> <li>• Technology</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">Signing Time</a>	Videos, activities, learning guides and music teaching American Sign Language (ASL)	PreK-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ASL instruction in a variety of content areas including:</b></li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Life Skills</li> <li>• Movement</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Sight Words</li> <li>• Social-Emotional Skills</li> <li>• Vocabulary</li> </ul>	Free/ Additional Materials for Purchase

Organization	Description	Grade	Skills Addressed	Cost
<a href="#">Tarheel Reader</a>	Free eBooks in more than 15 languages; can be speech-enabled for Deaf and hard of hearing and background modified for low vision and CVI; compatible with touch screens, the IntelliKeys with custom overlays, and 1 to 3 switches	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Content-based Literacy</li> <li>• Health and Wellness</li> <li>• Life Skills</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Reading Comprehension</li> <li>• Science &amp; Nature</li> <li>• Social Studies</li> <li>• Vocabulary</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">Wide Open School</a>	Resources for families and educators in curriculum and at-home learning	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts</li> <li>• Back to School Guide</li> <li>• Digital Citizenship</li> <li>• Daily Schedule</li> <li>• ELA</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Movement</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Social Studies</li> <li>• Social-Emotional</li> <li>• Supports for English Language Learners</li> <li>• Supports for Learning and Thinking Differences</li> <li>• Virtual Field Trips</li> </ul>	Free

# Social-Emotional/Mental Health Resources

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**Table 4. Social-Emotional/Mental Health Resources**

Organization	Description	Grade	Skills Addressed	Cost
<a href="#">Centervention</a>	Games and activities available online and for download addressing social skills and emotion regulation	K-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Cooperation</li> <li>• Emotion Regulation - Empathy</li> <li>• Impulse Control</li> <li>• Social Initiation</li> </ul>	Free/additional resources for purchase \$10 per program for a year
<a href="#">Child Mind Institute</a>	Resources for parents in supporting student mental health, behavior management, and social-emotional skills	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for students with specific disorders</li> <li>• Support for managing behaviors</li> <li>• Support for responding to trauma</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">Cincinnati Children's</a>	Resources include coping with stress and anxiety, changing thought patterns, relaxation tools, physical symptoms, behavior management, internet safety, grief tools and general mental health; includes links to daily live virtual events	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anxiety</li> <li>• Behavior Management</li> <li>• Breathing Techniques</li> <li>• Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Tools</li> <li>• Coping Skills</li> <li>• Grief</li> <li>• Internet Safety</li> <li>• Pain Management</li> <li>• Social-Emotional Learning</li> <li>• Relaxation</li> </ul>	Free

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Organization	Description	Grade	Skills Addressed	Cost
<a href="#">CloseGap</a>	Resources in guiding students, families and educators in emotion regulation with a daily emotion tracking tool	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bullying Prevention</li> <li>• Emotion Regulation</li> <li>• Self-Awareness</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)</a>	Lessons, activities and tools for families, educators and students	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-Awareness</li> <li>• Self-Management</li> <li>• Social Awareness</li> <li>• Relationship Skills</li> <li>• Responsible Decision Making</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">Connecticut Children's</a>	Contents include how to talk to children about COVID-19, how to address parent/caregiver needs, building resilience in children and Appendix A for parent/caregivers of children with special needs and Appendix B containing educational resources	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anxiety</li> <li>• Depression</li> <li>• Resilience</li> <li>• Self-Care</li> <li>• Sleep</li> <li>• Stress Management</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">Crisis Text Line</a>	Support via text messaging for individuals in crisis Text HOME to 741741	All Ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anxiety</li> <li>• Bullying</li> <li>• Coronavirus Support</li> <li>• Crisis Support</li> <li>• Depression</li> <li>• Emotional Abuse</li> <li>• Loneliness</li> <li>• Self-Harm</li> <li>• Suicidal Ideation</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">GritX</a>	Virtual interactive tools for emotion regulation and self-care, recommended literature for further learning	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emotion Regulation</li> <li>• Meditation</li> <li>• Self-Reflection</li> <li>• Self-Care</li> </ul>	Free

Organization	Description	Grade	Skills Addressed	Cost
<a href="#">Minnesota Department of Health</a>	Resources for supporting children’s mental health, caregiver mental health and tools and resources for remote instruction	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bedtime Routine</li> <li>• Coping Skills</li> <li>• Educational Tools</li> <li>• Mental Health Well-Being</li> <li>• Scheduling Routine</li> <li>• Stress Management</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">National Association of School Psychologists</a>	Resources to support schools and educators, families and caregivers and addressing social-emotional skills at home	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anxiety</li> <li>• Care for Caregivers</li> <li>• Coping Skills</li> <li>• Crisis</li> <li>• Depression</li> <li>• Engagement</li> <li>• Grief</li> <li>• Motivation</li> <li>• Sleep</li> <li>• Stigma and Racism</li> <li>• Suicidal thinking</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health (NFFCMH)</a>	The National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health is a national family-run organization linking more than 120 chapters and state organizations. Resources include videos, toolkits, activities to use at home and more to support parents and caregivers and their children during the COVID-19 pandemic.	K-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-Care and Coping with Stress/Anxiety</li> <li>• Communications</li> <li>• Coping</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">National Suicide Prevention Lifeline</a>	24/7, free and confidential support for individuals in distress  English: (800) 273-8255  Spanish: (888) 628-9454  TTY: (800) 799-4889	All Ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crisis Management</li> <li>• Self-Care</li> <li>• Trauma Support</li> </ul>	Free

Organization	Description	Grade	Skills Addressed	Cost
<a href="#">San Diego County Behavioral Health Services</a>	Family-friendly resources to address impacts of COVID-19, including a comic book explaining the Coronavirus, educational resources, videos, mindfulness meditation and yoga; Available in Arabic, Creole, Farsi, Karen, Pashto, Somali, Spanish, Swahili and Vietnamese	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coping skills</li> <li>• Crisis Support</li> <li>• Educational Supports</li> <li>• Meditation</li> <li>• Mindfulness</li> <li>• Resilience</li> <li>• Stress Relief</li> <li>• Trauma</li> <li>• Yoga</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">Second Step</a>	Family-friendly activities that address social-emotional learning	K-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conflict Resolution</li> <li>• Identifying Emotions</li> <li>• Perspective Taking</li> <li>• Problem Solving</li> <li>• Self-Regulation</li> </ul>	Free
<a href="#">Trauma Response And Crisis Care (TRACC)</a>	Interactive webinars and resources to support individuals experiencing trauma	All Ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anger</li> <li>• Crisis Support</li> <li>• Fear</li> <li>• Grief</li> <li>• Stress</li> <li>• Trauma</li> </ul>	Free/Additional on demand 4-week course for \$49



# Live Synchronous Learning\* Opportunities

**\*Live Synchronous Learning:** “Synchronous learning refers to all types of learning in which learner(s) and instructor(s) are in the same place, at the same time, in order for learning to take place.”- [Bryn Mawr College](#)

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**Table 5. Live Synchronous Learning**

Organization	Website	Description	Contact	Contact Information	Cost
Cincinnati Children’s	<a href="#">Coronavirus Resources for Families Virtual Event Calendar</a>	Daily live events in STEM, literature & language, arts and creativity, fitness and nutrition, social studies, and mental and emotional health	Varies by event-check specific links	Varies by event-check specific links	Free
Perkins School for the Blind	<a href="#">Virtual Elementary Program</a>	One-week program from August 10-14, 3-4pm ET for students ages 8-13 who are blind or low vision	Courtney Wescott, Coordinator of Outreach Short Courses	<a href="mailto:Courtney.Wescott@perkins.org">Courtney.Wescott@perkins.org</a>	\$100
Southeast Deafblind Project	<a href="#">Family Story Time</a>	Weekly live story time (8/27-10/15) for students who are registered on their state's Deafblind Project	Donna Carpenter, State Coordinator Kentucky Deaf-Blind Project	<a href="mailto:donnaL.snyder@uky.edu">donnaL.snyder@uky.edu</a>	Free

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Organization	Website	Description	Contact	Contact Information	Cost
Special Needs Network	<a href="#">Joe Patton Academy Virtual Summer Camp</a>	Two one-week session camps August 3-14 (M-F) 9am-1pm PT; beginner, intermediate & advanced cohorts	Julia Chavez	<a href="mailto:jpac@specialneednetwork.org">jpac@specialneednetwork.org</a> (323) 388-9161	Free

# State Parent Centers' COVID-19 Resource Website Links

*A Parent Resource Center is a government-sponsored free resource for parents of children with disabilities. Below is state-by-state contact information where you can get free support as you navigate this challenging situation.*

**Table 6. State-Specific Parent Centers' COVID-19 Resource Website Links**

State	Contact Information	Website
AL – Alabama Parent Education Center	10520 US Highway 231 Wetumpka, AL 36092 <a href="mailto:apec@alabamaparentcenter.com">apec@alabamaparentcenter.com</a> 334-567-2252	<a href="http://alabamaparentcenter.com/web/resources/useful-websites">http://alabamaparentcenter.com/web/resources/useful-websites</a>
AK – Stone Soup Group	307 E Northern Lights Blvd #100 Anchorage, AK 9950 <a href="mailto:info@stonesoupgroup.org">info@stonesoupgroup.org</a> 907-561-3701	<a href="http://www.stonesoupgroup.org/resources-for-families">www.stonesoupgroup.org/resources-for-families</a>
AK – Links Resource Center Community Parent Resource Center	777 N. Crusey Street Wasilla, AK 99654 <a href="mailto:links@linksprc.org">links@linksprc.org</a> 907-373-3632	<a href="http://linksprc.org/covid-19-resources">http://linksprc.org/covid-19-resources</a>
AZ – Raising Special Kids	5025 E. Washington St. #204 Phoenix, AZ 85034 <a href="mailto:info@raisingspecialkids.org">info@raisingspecialkids.org</a> 602-242-4366	<a href="https://raisingspecialkids.org">https://raisingspecialkids.org</a>
AR – The Center for Exceptional Families	1702 Stone Street, Suite A Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401 <a href="mailto:shelby.knight@tcfef.org">shelby.knight@tcfef.org</a> 888-360-9654	<a href="http://thecenterforexceptionalfamilies.org">http://thecenterforexceptionalfamilies.org</a>
CA – Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund	3075 Adeline Street, Suite 210 Berkeley, CA 94703 <a href="mailto:info@dredf.org">info@dredf.org</a> 510-644-2555	<a href="https://dredf.org/covid-19-advocacy-and-resources">https://dredf.org/covid-19-advocacy-and-resources</a>
CA – Matrix Parent Network & Resource Center	94 Galli Drive, Ste. C. Novato, CA 94949 <a href="mailto:helpline@matrixparents.org">helpline@matrixparents.org</a> 415-884-3535	<a href="http://www.matrixparents.org/resources/covid-19-updates">www.matrixparents.org/resources/covid-19-updates</a>
CA – Parents Helping Parents	1400 Parkmoor Av Ste 100, San Jose, CA 95126 <a href="mailto:info@php.com">info@php.com</a> 408-286-1116	<a href="http://www.php.com">www.php.com</a>
CA – TASK	3040 Saturn St., #103 Brea, CA 92821 <a href="mailto:task@taskca.org">task@taskca.org</a> 714-533-8275	<a href="https://taskca.org/resources">https://taskca.org/resources</a>

State	Contact Information	Website
CA – Warmline Family Resource Center	2424 Castro Way, Sacramento, CA 95818 <a href="mailto:warmline@warmlinefrc.org">warmline@warmlinefrc.org</a> 916-455-9500	<a href="http://www.warmlinefrc.org/covid-19-resources.html">www.warmlinefrc.org/covid-19-resources.html</a>
CA – San Francisco: Support for Families	1663 Mission Street, Suite 700 San Francisco, CA 94103 <a href="mailto:info@supportforfamilies.org">info@supportforfamilies.org</a> 415-920-5040	<a href="http://www.supportforfamilies.org/coronavirusresources">www.supportforfamilies.org/coronavirusresources</a>
CA – Parents CAN Community Parent Resource Center	1909 Jefferson Street Napa, California 94559 <a href="mailto:parents@parentscan.org">parents@parentscan.org</a> 707-253-7444	<a href="https://parentscan.org/resources-for-covid-19/overview.html">https://parentscan.org/resources-for-covid-19/overview.html</a>
CO – PEAK Parent Center	917 East Moreno Avenue, Suite 140 Colorado Springs, CO 80903 <a href="mailto:parentadvisor@peakparent.org">parentadvisor@peakparent.org</a> 719-531-9400	<a href="http://www.peakparent.org">www.peakparent.org</a>
CT – Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center	338 Main Street, Niantic, CT 06357 <a href="mailto:cpac@cpacinc.org">cpac@cpacinc.org</a> 860-739-3089	<a href="https://cpacinc.org/whats-new.aspx">https://cpacinc.org/whats-new.aspx</a>
DE – Parent Information Center of Delaware	404 Larch Circle Wilmington, DE 19804 <a href="mailto:picofdel@picofdel.org">picofdel@picofdel.org</a> 302-999-7394	<a href="https://picofdel.org/2020-2">https://picofdel.org/2020-2</a>
DC – Advocates for Justice and Education	1200 G Street, NW Suite #725 Washington, D.C. 20005 <a href="mailto:maria.blaeuer@aje-dc.org">maria.blaeuer@aje-dc.org</a> 202-678-8060	<a href="http://www.aje-dc.org">www.aje-dc.org</a>
FL – Florida Network on Disabilities	26750 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 410 Clearwater, FL 33761 <a href="mailto:fnd@fndusa.org">fnd@fndusa.org</a> 727-523-1130	<a href="https://fndusa.org/esedownload/coronavirus-prevention-resources-for-families">https://fndusa.org/esedownload/coronavirus-prevention-resources-for-families</a>
GA – Parent to Parent of Georgia	3070 Presidential Parkway, Suite 130 Atlanta, GA 30340-3720 <a href="mailto:info@p2pga.org">info@p2pga.org</a> 770-451-5484	<a href="http://www.p2pga.org/uncategorized/p2p-roadmap-has-covid-19-information-resources">www.p2pga.org/uncategorized/p2p-roadmap-has-covid-19-information-resources</a>
HI – Leadership in Disabilities and Achievement of Hawaii	245 North Kukui Street Suite 205 Honolulu, HI 96817 <a href="mailto:info@ldahawaii.org">info@ldahawaii.org</a> 808-536-9684	<a href="https://ldahawaii.org/category/covid-19-resources">https://ldahawaii.org/category/covid-19-resources</a>
ID – Idaho Parents Unlimited, Inc.	4619 W Emerald St, Ste. E Boise, ID 83706 <a href="mailto:parents@ipulidaho.org">parents@ipulidaho.org</a> 208-342-5884	<a href="https://ipulidaho.org/covid-19-information">https://ipulidaho.org/covid-19-information</a>

State	Contact Information	Website
IL – Family Matters PTI	1901 S. 4th St., Ste. 209 Effingham, Illinois 62401 <a href="mailto:deinhorn@fmptic.org">deinhorn@fmptic.org</a> 1-866-436-7842	<a href="http://www.fmptic.org/node/4453">www.fmptic.org/node/4453</a>
IL – Chicago Family Resource Center on Disabilities	11 E. Adams St. Suite 1002 Chicago, IL 60603 <a href="mailto:info@frcd.org">info@frcd.org</a> 312-939-3513	<a href="https://frcd.org/covid-19-resource-page">https://frcd.org/covid-19-resource-page</a>
IN – IN*SOURCE	1703 South Ironwood Drive South Bend, Indiana 46613 <a href="mailto:insource@insource.org">insource@insource.org</a> 574-234-7101	<a href="http://insource.org/resources/coronavirus-outbreak-information">http://insource.org/resources/coronavirus-outbreak-information</a>
IA – ASK Resource Center	5665 Greendale Road, Suite D, Johnston, IA 50131 <a href="mailto:info@askresource.org">info@askresource.org</a> 515-243-1713	<a href="http://www.askresource.org/news/helpful-covid-19-resources">www.askresource.org/news/helpful-covid-19-resources</a>
KS – Families Together	5611 SW Barrington Court South, Suite 120 Topeka, KS 66614-2489 <a href="mailto:Topeka@famielstogetherinc.org">Topeka@famielstogetherinc.org</a> 785-233-4777	<a href="https://famielstogetherinc.org/?s=COVID+19">https://famielstogetherinc.org/?s=COVID+19</a>
KY – KY-SPIN	10301-B Deering Rd Louisville, KY 40272 <a href="mailto:spininc@kyspin.com">spininc@kyspin.com</a> 502-937-6894	<a href="http://www.kyspin.com/coronavirus-covid-19">www.kyspin.com/coronavirus-covid-19</a>
LA – Louisiana PTI/Families Helping Families	700 Hickory Ave Harahan, LA 70123 <a href="mailto:info@fhofgno.org">info@fhofgno.org</a> 504-888-9111	<a href="https://fhofgno.org/covid-19-resources">https://fhofgno.org/covid-19-resources</a>
MD – Parents Place of Maryland	802 Cromwell Park Drive Suite Q Glen Burnie, MD 21061 <a href="mailto:jill@ppmd.org">jill@ppmd.org</a> 410.768.9100	<a href="http://www.ppmd.org/?s=COVID">www.ppmd.org/?s=COVID</a>
ME – Maine Parent Federation	484 Maine Ave. 2D Farmingdale, ME 04344 <a href="mailto:parentconnect@mpf.org">parentconnect@mpf.org</a> 207-588-1933	<a href="http://mpf.org/documents/COVID-19_Resources.pdf">http://mpf.org/documents/COVID-19_Resources.pdf</a>
MA – Federation for Children with Special Needs	529 Main Street, Suite 1M3 Boston, MA 02129 <a href="mailto:fcsninfo@fcsn.org">fcsninfo@fcsn.org</a> 617-236-7210	<a href="https://fcsn.org/faqs-new-test">https://fcsn.org/faqs-new-test</a>
MI – Michigan Alliance for Families	1325 S. Washington Avenue Lansing MI 48910 <a href="mailto:Info@michiganallianceforfamilies.org">Info@michiganallianceforfamilies.org</a> 734-994-8100 ext 1590	<a href="http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/covid19">www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/covid19</a>
MN – PACER Center	8161 Normandale Blvd. Bloomington, MN 55437 <a href="mailto:pacer@pacer.org">pacer@pacer.org</a> 952-838-9000	<a href="http://www.pacer.org/special/covid-19.asp">www.pacer.org/special/covid-19.asp</a>

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MS – Mississippi PTI	2 Old River Place, Suite M Jackson, MS 39202 <a href="mailto:info@mspti.org">info@mspti.org</a> 601-969-0601	<a href="http://www.mspti.org">www.mspti.org</a>
MO – MPACT (Missouri Parents Act)	1530 S Main St Suite 4 Joplin, MO 64804 <a href="mailto:info@missouriparentsact.org">info@missouriparentsact.org</a> 800-743-7634	<a href="http://www.missouriparentsact.org/covid-19-crisis-resources-2">www.missouriparentsact.org/covid-19-crisis-resources-2</a>
MT – Montana Parent Training & Information Center (PTI)	<a href="mailto:mpti@MontanaPTI.org">mpti@MontanaPTI.org</a> 1-877-870-1190	<a href="http://www.montanapti.org/web/index.php?siteid=2832">www.montanapti.org/web/index.php?siteid=2832</a>
NE – PTI Nebraska (Parent Training and Information)	1941 S. 42nd St. Suite 205 Omaha, NE 68105 <a href="mailto:reception@pti-nebraska.org">reception@pti-nebraska.org</a> 402-346-0525	<a href="http://www.pti-nebraska.org">www.pti-nebraska.org</a>
NV – Nevada PEP	7211 W. Charleston Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada 89117 <a href="mailto:PEPInfo@NVPEP.org">PEPInfo@NVPEP.org</a> 702-388-8899	<a href="https://nvpep.org/helpful-covid-19-resources">https://nvpep.org/helpful-covid-19-resources</a>
NH – New Hampshire Parent Information Center	54 Old Suncook Road Concord, NH 03301 <a href="mailto:info@picnh.org">info@picnh.org</a> 603-224-7005	<a href="https://picnh.org/resources/covid19">https://picnh.org/resources/covid19</a>
NJ – SPAN Parent Advocacy Network	35 Halsey Street, 4th Floor Newark, NJ 07102 <a href="mailto:info@spanadvocacy.org">info@spanadvocacy.org</a> 973-642-8100	<a href="https://spanadvocacy.org/home/spans-covid-19-information-page">https://spanadvocacy.org/home/spans-covid-19-information-page</a>
NM – Parents Reaching Out	2501 Yale Blvd SE, Suite 200 Albuquerque, NM 87106 <a href="mailto:nsandweiss@parentsreachingout.org">nsandweiss@parentsreachingout.org</a> <a href="http://parentsreachingout.org">parentsreachingout.org</a> 505-247-0192	<a href="https://parentsreachingout.org">https://parentsreachingout.org</a>
Native American – EPICS Community Parent Resource Center	2201 Buena Vista Dr. SE, Suite 201, Albuquerque, NM 87106 <a href="mailto:melissaw@epicsnm.org">melissaw@epicsnm.org</a> <a href="mailto:sbegay@epicsnm.org">sbegay@epicsnm.org</a> 888-499-2070	<a href="https://cv.nmhealth.org/">https://cv.nmhealth.org/</a> <a href="https://www.epicsnm.org">https://www.epicsnm.org</a>
NY – Advocates for Children of NYC	151 West 30th Street, 5th Floor New York, NY 10001 <a href="mailto:info@advocatesforchildren.org">info@advocatesforchildren.org</a> 212-947-9779	<a href="http://www.advocatesforchildren.org/covid-19-updates">www.advocatesforchildren.org/covid-19-updates</a>
NY – INCLUDEnyc	116 E. 16th Street 5th floor New York, NY 10003 <a href="mailto:info@includenyc.org">info@includenyc.org</a> 212-677-4650	<a href="http://www.includenyc.org/content/covid-19-resources">www.includenyc.org/content/covid-19-resources</a>



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NY – Sinergia	2082 Lexington Ave, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10035 <a href="mailto:intake@sinergiany.org">intake@sinergiany.org</a> 212-643-2840	<a href="http://www.sinergiany.org/news/update-about-covid-19-and-sinergias-programs">www.sinergiany.org/news/update-about-covid-19-and-sinergias-programs</a>
NY – Parent Network of Western New York	1000 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14202 <a href="mailto:info@parentnetworkwny.org">info@parentnetworkwny.org</a> 716-332-4170	<a href="https://parentnetworkwny.org/useful-covid-19-links">https://parentnetworkwny.org/useful-covid-19-links</a>
NY – Long Island Advocacy Center	999 Herricks Rd. New Hyde Park, NY 11040 <a href="mailto:info@theliac.org">info@theliac.org</a> 516-248-2222	<a href="https://theliac.org/updates-covid-19">https://theliac.org/updates-covid-19</a>
NY – Queens /Korean Families: CIDA Community Parent Resource Center	38-50 Bell Blvd. Suite A2, Bayside, NY 11361 <a href="mailto:cida@cidainfo.com">cida@cidainfo.com</a> 718-224-8197	<a href="https://cidainfo.com/nys-covid-19-resources-articles">https://cidainfo.com/nys-covid-19-resources-articles</a>
NC – Exceptional Children’s Assistance Center	907 Barra Row Suites 102, 103 Davidson, NC 28036 <a href="mailto:ecac@ecacmail.org">ecac@ecacmail.org</a> 800-962-6817	<a href="http://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/covid-19-resources">www.ecac-parentcenter.org/covid-19-resources</a>
ND – Pathfinder Services of North Dakota	1015 S. Broadway, Suite 16 - Minot, ND 58701 <a href="mailto:info@pathfinder-nd.org">info@pathfinder-nd.org</a> 701-837-7500	<a href="http://www.pathfinder-nd.org/index.php?option=com_k2&amp;view=item&amp;id=1066&amp;Itemid=138">www.pathfinder-nd.org/index.php?option=com_k2&amp;view=item&amp;id=1066&amp;Itemid=138</a>
OH – Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities	165 W. Center St., Suite 302 Marion, OH 43302 <a href="mailto:ocecd@ocecd.org">ocecd@ocecd.org</a> 740-382-5452	<a href="http://www.ocecd.org/2020info.aspx">www.ocecd.org/2020info.aspx</a>
OK – Oklahoma Parents Center	223 N Broadway St, Holdenville, OK 74848 <a href="mailto:info@oklahomaparentscenter.org">info@oklahomaparentscenter.org</a> 405-379-6015	<a href="https://oklahomaparentscenter.org/resources-for-distance-learning">https://oklahomaparentscenter.org/resources-for-distance-learning</a>
OR – FACT Oregon	2475 SE Ladd Ave. Suite 430 Portland, OR 97214 <a href="mailto:support@factoregon.org">support@factoregon.org</a> 503-786-6082	<a href="https://factoregon.org/covid-19-response-and-resources">https://factoregon.org/covid-19-response-and-resources</a>
PA – PEAL Center	2325 East Carson St, Suite 100A Pittsburgh, PA 15203 <a href="mailto:info@pealcenter.org">info@pealcenter.org</a> 412-281-4404	<a href="https://pealcenter.org/peals-covid-19-resource-page">https://pealcenter.org/peals-covid-19-resource-page</a>
PA – HUNE	2215 N American St. Philadelphia, PA 19133 <a href="mailto:contactus@huneinc.org">contactus@huneinc.org</a> 215-425-6203	<a href="http://www.huneinc.org/covid-19-info-resources">www.huneinc.org/covid-19-info-resources</a>

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PA – Mission Empower	1611 Peach Street Suite #120 Erie, PA 16501 <a href="mailto:info@missionempower.org">info@missionempower.org</a> 814-825-0788	<a href="https://missionempower.org/updates-and-resources-regarding-covid-19">https://missionempower.org/updates-and-resources-regarding-covid-19</a>
RI – Rhode Island Parent Information Network	300 Jefferson Blvd. Suite 300 Warwick, RI 02888 <a href="mailto:info@ripin.org">info@ripin.org</a> 401-270-0101	<a href="https://ripin.org/covid-19-resources">https://ripin.org/covid-19-resources</a>
SC – Family Connection South Carolina	1800 St. Julian Place, Suite 104 Columbia, SC 29204 <a href="mailto:info@familyconnectionsc.org">info@familyconnectionsc.org</a> 1-800-578-8750	<a href="http://www.familyconnectionsc.org/virus">www.familyconnectionsc.org/virus</a>
SC – Family Resource Center for Disabilities & Special Needs Community Parent Resource Center	1575 Savannah Highway, Ste. 6 Charleston 29407 <a href="mailto:frc@frcdsn.org">frc@frcdsn.org</a> 843-266-1318	<a href="http://frcdsn.org/home/covid-19-updates-resources">http://frcdsn.org/home/covid-19-updates-resources</a>
SD – South Dakota Parent Connection	3701 W 49th Street Sioux Falls, SD 57106 <a href="mailto:sdpc@sdparent.org">sdpc@sdparent.org</a> 605-361-3171	<a href="https://sdparent.org/news">https://sdparent.org/news</a>
TN – STEP Tennessee	2157 Madison Ave., Ste. 204 Memphis, TN 38104 <a href="mailto:information@tnstep.org">information@tnstep.org</a> 423-639-0125	<a href="https://tnstep.org/resource-links">https://tnstep.org/resource-links</a>
TX – Parents Resource Network	1090 Longfellow Drive Beaumont, TX 77706 <a href="mailto:partnersresource@sbcglobal.net">partnersresource@sbcglobal.net</a> 409-898-4684	<a href="https://prntexas.org/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19">https://prntexas.org/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19</a>
UT – Utah Parent Center	230 West 200 South, Suite 1101 Salt Lake City, UT 84101 <a href="mailto:info@utahparentcenter.org">info@utahparentcenter.org</a> 801-272-1051	<a href="https://utahparentcenter.org/covid-19-resources-to-stay-healthy">https://utahparentcenter.org/covid-19-resources-to-stay-healthy</a>
VT – Vermont Family Network	600 Blair Park Rd, Ste 240 Williston, VT 05495 <a href="mailto:info@vtfn.org">info@vtfn.org</a> 1-800-800-4005	<a href="http://www.vermontfamilynetwork.org/events-news/covid-19-updates">www.vermontfamilynetwork.org /events-news/covid-19-updates</a>
VI – Disability Rights Center of the US Virgin Islands	63 Cane Carlton Frederiksted, VI 00840 <a href="mailto:info@drcvi.org">info@drcvi.org</a> 340-772-1200	<a href="https://drcvi.org/resources/resources-on-covid-19-in-the-u-s-virgin-islands">https://drcvi.org/resources/resources-on-covid-19-in-the-u-s-virgin-islands</a>
VA – Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC)	8003 Forbes Place Suite 310 Springfield, VA 22151 <a href="mailto:partners@peatc.org">partners@peatc.org</a> 703-923-0010	<a href="http://www.peatc.org/newsmanager/news_article.cgi?news_id=992&amp;no_popup=0">www.peatc.org/newsmanager/news_article.cgi?news_id=992&amp;no_popup=0</a>

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VA – Foster Families: Formed Families Forward	4031 University Dr., Suite 100, Fairfax, VA 22030 <a href="mailto:Info@FormedFamiliesForward.org">Info@FormedFamilies Forward.org</a> 703-539-2904	<a href="https://formedfamiliesforward.org/resources-for-families-during-covid-19">https://formedfamiliesforward.org/resources-for-families-during-covid-19</a>
WA – PAVE	6316 So. 12th St. Tacoma, WA 98465 <a href="mailto:pave@wapave.org">pave@wapave.org</a> 253-565-2266	<a href="https://wapave.org/?s=COVID+19">https://wapave.org/?s=COVID+19</a>
WA – Open Doors for Multicultural Families	24437 Russell Rd., Suite # 110 Kent, WA 98032 <a href="mailto:info@multiculturalfamilies.org">info@multiculturalfamilies.org</a> 253-216-4479	<a href="http://www.multiculturalfamilies.org/resources/covid-19-resources">www.multiculturalfamilies.org/resources/covid-19-resources</a>
WI – Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training & Support (FACETS)	600 W. Virginia Street, Suite 501 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204 <a href="mailto:wifacets@wifacets.org">wifacets@wifacets.org</a> 414-374-4645	<a href="https://wifacets.org/links">https://wifacets.org/links</a>
WV – West Virginia Parent Training and Information, Inc. (WVPTI)	99 Edmiston Way Suite 101-102 Buckhannon, WV 26201 <a href="mailto:wvpti@aol.com">wvpti@aol.com</a> 304-472-5697	<a href="http://www.wvpti-inc.org/news/Default.aspx#specialResources">www.wvpti-inc.org/news/Default.aspx#specialResources</a>
WY – Wyoming Parent Information Center	2232 Dell Range Blvd, Suite 204 Cheyenne WY 82009 <a href="mailto:info@wpic.org">info@wpic.org</a> 307-684-2277	<a href="http://www.wpic.org/publications/67-covid-19">www.wpic.org/publications/67-covid-19</a>

# Legal Rights and Special Education Resources

No matter how COVID-19 is changing the face of education, students with disabilities still have a legal right to free, appropriate, public education. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, is still the law of the land even if your local school has made the switch to remote learning and virtual education.

However, there still will be circumstances where you need to advocate for your or your student’s right to special education. While that may be a daunting prospect on top of everything that is going on in the world today, there are a wide range of resources, special education attorneys and organizations dedicated to protecting your legal rights. Below is a list of several of the most important avenues for ensuring you or your student’s legal right to special education.

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**Table 7. Legal Rights Resources**

Organization	Resources	Description
Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA)	<a href="#">Find a Professional (Special Education Attorneys)</a> <a href="#">For Students and Families (Peer-to-Peer Network)</a> <a href="#">Join the COPAA Community</a>	The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA) is an independent, nonprofit composed of attorneys, advocates, parents and related professionals. If you need to find a special education attorney or an advocate to help your student, COPAA maintains a network of professionals who are there to help.
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)	<a href="#">Special Education</a> <a href="#">Local Resources. (Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Joaquin counties)</a> <a href="#">CA Parent Training and Information (PTI) Centers</a> <a href="#">The IEP Cycle</a>	Nationally, Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) has been at the forefront of legal efforts to protect special education since 1979. DREDF also operates as a Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) for Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Joaquin counties in California.
Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC)	<a href="#">Special Education Request for Assistance</a> <a href="#">Disability Rights Request for Assistance</a>	Since the 1970s, DRLC has been an advocacy nonprofit focused on advancing the civil rights of people with disabilities and addressing other legal barriers impacting the disability community. By working on both individual and class action court cases, DRLC challenges discrimination and advances change.

Organization	Resources	Description
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)	<a href="#">NDRN Member Agencies</a> <a href="#">Support Education Equality</a> <a href="#">NDRN Releases 2020-21 School Reopening Principles</a>	The National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) is the nonprofit membership organization for the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Systems and Client Assistance Programs (CAP). There are P&A agencies in every state and territory of the United States, and they are the largest provider of legally based advocacy services for the disability community.
Understood.org	<a href="#">Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA): What You Need to Know</a> <a href="#">IDEA, Section 504, and the ADA: Which Laws Do What</a> <a href="#">What to Include in a State Complaint</a>	Understood.org, a project financed and managed by the Poses Family Foundation, offers English and Spanish language resources related to learning disabilities, parent advocacy and educator materials.
The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) – U.S. Department of Education	<a href="#">Education Rights of People with Disabilities</a> <a href="#">Protecting Students With Disabilities</a> <a href="#">Resources Available in Other Languages</a> <a href="#">Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education</a>	The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is responsible for several federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance from the Department of Education.

This guide is one of several such guides that the team from RespectAbility has produced during spring/summer 2020. Other resources include our *Finding a Job as a Person With a Disability in Los Angeles* [career pathways guide](#), our *COVID-19 Economic Benefits How-To* [guide](#), and our *COVID-19 Pandemic and People with Disabilities* [guide](#).

This guide is a work-in-progress. If you have other nonprofit or government resources to be included, please send them to: Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi at [JenniferM@RespectAbility.org](mailto:JenniferM@RespectAbility.org).

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*Best of luck!*  
*We hope this resource has been of use to you – feel free to share this resource guide with others whom you think it will help!*

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