



Friday News Blast



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Please see our website at www.education.ne.gov/sped for all the updated guidance and information related to special education and early intervention during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continuously be updating our page with the most recent guidance and adding resources. Today you will find a letter you can share with families/parents. You can also find information on professional learning opportunities that have been vetted by our office or that are provided by our partners at no cost during this time. We will do everything we can to constantly keep you informed! Don't forget to join us on Tuesday, March 31st at 9:30 am for the Special Education Directors Call with even more updates.

Medicaid & Long-Term Care Coronavirus – COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/COVID-19%20Medicaid%20%26%20Long-Term%20Care%20FAQ.pdf>

Materials to Support Educators and Parents:

The National Center on Intensive Intervention at American Institutes for Research offer online course content focused on intensive intervention. These courses include video lectures, workbooks, practice activities, and so much more. In addition to courses focused on **mathematics**, **behavior**, and **explicit instruction**, the newest course on **intensive intervention in reading** was just released. This module covers considerations in reading instruction and intervention, progress monitoring and diagnostic data, and adaptations for word reading and comprehension.

Center for Parent Information Resources has developed a collection of information for parents and parent centers.

Please see below and attached for resources that may be of interest to Community Health Workers during the coronavirus pandemic:

March Newsletter of the National Association of Community Health Workers (NACHW): <https://mailchi.mp/ea13fa768824/national-association-of-community-health-workers-nachw-december-newsletter-4284332?e=ba3c51e42b>

NACHW webpage with COVID resources: https://nachw.org/covid-19-resources/?mc_cid=4e7d1d0f75&mc_eid=%5bUNIQID%5d

Multi-lingual resources on COVID: <https://switchboardta.org/blog/a-round-up-of-multilingual-resources-on-covid-19/>

ASD Network April Conference

The **ASD NETWORK Conference** has **not** been canceled, but will be **held virtually**. No sessions will take place in the Embassy Suites Convention Center. We have an outstanding line up of speakers, and are excited to be able to provide this online conference opportunity!

- All registered attendees will have access to view sessions live via a zoom meeting and have access to all materials (handouts, ppt's, etc.) **which** will be available through the Conference Mobile App – Guidebook.
- An email with log in information for the conference and the guidebook app was sent out earlier this week.
- **The virtual conference will take place on April 2nd and 3rd, and will follow a similar daily schedule as was planned for the in-person conference.**

“It may be that when we no longer know what to do we have come to our real work, and that when we no longer know which way to go we have come to our real journey. The mind that is not baffled is not employed. The impeded stream is the one that sings.” Wendell Berry

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