

AUTISM TREATMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

AUGUST | 2020



HELPING PEOPLE. IT'S WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO.

“The Aging and Disability Services Division provides leadership and advocacy in the planning, development, and delivery of a high quality, comprehensive support service system across the lifespan. This allows all of Nevada’s elders, adults and children with disabilities or special health care needs to live independent, meaningful, and dignified lives, in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs.”

Should you have any questions about the information provided, please reach out to your ATAP Developmental Specialist.

ATAP REMINDERS & UPDATES

- Your ATAP DS will be scheduling your upcoming visit via TEAMS (HIPAA-compliance videoconferencing)
- August through December will include an additional 5 hours of parent training. Please utilize this extra time to seek advice from your BCBA for proactive home support of behaviors your child may be displaying.
- Inform your DS of any telehealth changes. Please remember to be documenting telehealth hours if you are receiving them.
- Please reach out to your DS if you would like the link/form to request absentee ballots for mail-in voting.
- Your DS may be sending you forms that need updated signatures on them, please remember to return these so that your child’s file is up to date.
- If you have any insurance changes coming, discuss this with your DS so options can be brought up for planning.
- Send any updated insurance information/cards/EOB’s to your DS.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Below you will find the link to the Reconnecting with our Students page for CCSD.

- ❖ **CCSD Back to School:** <https://ccsd.net/schools/back-to-school/index.php>
- ❖ **CCSD Parents Resources:** <https://ccsd.net/schools/back-to-school/resources.php>
- ❖ **Online Resources for Parents:** <https://www2.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml>
- ❖ Lists of **Free Online Learning Resources** for Distance Education during COVID-19 Pandemic:
<https://www.weareteachers.com/free-online-learning-resources/>
<https://nationalparentsunion.org/online-learning-resources-for-parents/>

[parents/](#)

AUTISM TREATMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

AUGUST | 2020



<https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/reviewedcom/2020/03/18/free-educational-classes-and-programs-kids-home/5064311002/>

<https://schoolchoiceweek.com/37-free-online-resources-for-schools-shifting-online-during-coronavirus/>

- ❖ **East Valley Family Services' Senior Respite Program and GrandTEch Program:** Childcare or Activity expenses, Infant and Child Needs, Clothing and Items for Children, Food and Nutrition, Community Referrals, Monthly Respite Support Group, And Much More! For more information: 1830 E. Sahara Ave Suite 103, Las Vegas, NV 89104 Or call 702-920-6515
- ❖ **NAMI Connection:** Provides support groups, advocacy, education, and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives. For more information: www.nami.org/local; Help line 800-9506264 info@nami.org
- ❖ **Voting information:** As of January 1, 2020 we now have the option to request a permanent mail in ballot (<https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/election/announcements/Pages/MB-Perm.aspx>). Regular link for other voter services, including requesting a onetime mail in ballot (October 20 deadline) <https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/election/Pages/VoterServices.aspx>
- ❖ To **access your SNAP, TANF, and Medical benefits case online:** <https://accessnevada.dwss.nv.gov> You will be asked to create an account with a username and password and to answer some security questions. You will then log in and update the communication settings adding an email address and/or phone number.
- ❖ **Respite Care in Nevada:** <https://youtu.be/aUEKrea60mU>
- ❖ **Nevada Virtual Respite Summit 2020** – a time of reflection, collaboration and visioning for respite care in Nevada, August 27 & 28. Two mornings, nine speakers, two breakout sessions. Countless opportunities to learn. Zero barriers to entry! It's FREE but you need to register here: <https://nvcaregivingrelief.org/>
- ❖ This event is hosted by the **Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition**, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support caregivers in our community by promoting awareness

AUTISM TREATMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

AUGUST | 2020



of, access to, coordination and advocacy for respite services in Nevada throughout the lifespan. for more information, visit their website <https://nvcaregivingrelief.org>

- ❖ For **parenting resources** during this time, visit ZERO TO THREE's Tips for Families: Coronavirus (<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/3210-tips-for-families-coronavirus>) page.
- ❖ For **Early Intervention specific resources**, please visit ZERO TO THREE's partner the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children (<https://www.dec-sped.org/covid-19>).
- ❖ For early childhood professionals' resources during this time, visit **ZERO TO THREE's Coronavirus Resources** for Early Childhood Professionals (<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/3291-coronavirus-resources-for-earlychildhood-professionals>) page.
- ❖ For other helpful resources, visit the **Parenting for Lifelong Health** (<https://www.covid19parenting.com/>) page where you can find infographics in more than 60 languages.
- ❖ **Creating structure at home for children with disabilities:** <https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2020/atp-creating-home-structure>
- ❖ **PBS-Nevada Family Support Project** is a statewide project that provides services to families and caregivers of individuals with disabilities. PBS-Nevada is funded by Fund for a Healthy Nevada and the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities. They are providing Free virtual parent trainings. For more information: <https://mailchi.mp/897b3d464c5e/pbs-nv-may-2019-newsletter-7989021?e=7fc62d5e6b>
- ❖ **Rental Assistance is available through CHAP program (administered by the Treasurer's Office):**
 - Washoe County: <http://www.renoha.org/CHAP/>
 - Clark County: <https://helphome.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/CHAP-Information-Flyer-1.pdf>
 - All other counties: <https://nvrural.org/renter-services/covid/>
- ❖ **Free Legal Assistance is available * ADSD Grantee**
 - Washoe Legal Services (Washoe County)
 - Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans (Rural Counties Northern Nevada)
 - Southern Nevada Senior Law Program (Clark County)
 - Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (Clark County)

AUTISM TREATMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

AUGUST | 2020



- Nevada Legal Services (Statewide Offices)
 - Landlords must still follow the legal process. The governor's directive includes language and materials for payment plans.
 - Even if an individual is evicted, legal services can help seal the eviction record to reduce barriers to housing in the future

- ❖ **JUSTin Hope Foundation:** This organization provides resources and support for families whose children have Autism, as well as other neurological disorders. This support can come in the form of support groups, possible scholarships, and community events. For more information: justinhope.org

- ❖ **Transportation program available:**
 - Clark County Social Service: ssadmin@ClarkCountyNV.gov; (702) 455-4270; Office Locations:
<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/social-service/Pages/ContactUs.aspx>

 - Financial/Transportation Services:
<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/social-service/services/Pages/FinancialAssistance.aspx>

- ❖ **SNHD website for COVID-19 testing sites in Clark County:**
<https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/covid-19-testing-sites/>

- ❖ **Below is a list of informational materials:**
 - *How to talk to kids about tragedies in the media* – Child Development Institute:
<https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/how-to-be-a-parent/communication/talk-to-kids-media-violence/#gs.7pfz9e>

 - *Helping children cope with frightening news* – Child Mind Institute:
<https://childmind.org/article/helping-children-cope-frightening-news/>

 - *Helping young children cope with trauma* – American Red Cross:
<https://www.state.nj.us/njoem/pdf/chlcope.pdf>

 - *Supporting vulnerable students in stressful times: Tips for parents* – National Association of School Psychologists: <https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and->

AUTISM TREATMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

AUGUST | 2020



[publications/resources-and-podcasts/diversity/social-justice/supporting-vulnerable-students-in-stressful-times-tips-for-parents](#)

❖ List of Resources to help Parents for CCSD Distance Education:

- Technology:
 - Connecting Kids Nevada: This initiative is bringing organizations together with the goal of ensuring equal access to equipment and internet for distance learning this school year. For more information: <https://connectingkidsnv.org/>
 - Family Support Center: If you don't have access to internet or a device, call 1-888-616-2476, Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The center will connect qualified families to internet service for free.
 - See Family Support Center FAQ English: https://www.8newsnow.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/59/2020/08/120660_STOFNV_CC_FAQ_V1-r2.pdf

❖ County and City Programs:

- Clark County: School Daze: Program for children ages 5-12. It will run Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., engaging children in socially distanced activities, including educational time and sports. To register: <https://www.8newsnow.com/news/local-news/clark-county-announces-13-valley-facilities-will-provide-access-to-distance-learning-day-camp/>
- City of Henderson: Battle Born Kids and Battle Born Teens: Program for residents, designed for kids ages 5-14. It will run Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., engaging participants in activities ranging from games to movies. Beginning Aug. 14, you can register: <https://www.cityofhenderson.com/henderson-happenings/program-and-classes/battle-born-kids-and-teens>
- City of North Las Vegas:
 - Southern Nevada Urban Micro Academy: Three options for kids. One option includes live classroom instruction from a teacher, blended with online lessons and access to enrichment and extracurricular activities.
 - Learning space: City will provide a learning space for homeschool co-ops and other education groups.
 - Safekey Programming: This programming, along with other before and after school care, will be made available.
 - For information on all of these programs and options: http://www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com/departments/ldcs/covid-19_relief_programs.php
- City of Las Vegas: 2020 Vegas Strong Academy: Six sites will offer childcare options and support children with their distance learning if they cannot be at home. The academy caters to children in Kindergarten through 8th grade. It will be open from 6:30

AUTISM TREATMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

AUGUST | 2020



a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday through the fall semester. To register:
https://daycareworks.com/registration/clvsafekey/start_registration.jsp?centerID=6703

❖ Additional Resources:

- Nevada Silver State Stars Quality Rating and Improvement System: Database where parents can search for licensed childcare in Clark County:
<http://www.nvsilverstatestars.org/search-for-care>
- Boys and Girls Club of Southern Nevada: Facilities will reopen with programming offerings for youth ages 6-18. Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information: <https://www.bgcsnv.org/>
- YMCA of Southern Nevada: The Y Cares Educational Enrichment Program will be offered at four locations. It's designed for youth ages 5-15 and will operate from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. <https://www.lasvegasyymca.org/y-cares/>

❖ Learn the new e-learning vocabulary. The school terms used frequently are:

- asynchronous learning: anytime learning, where the work can be done anytime in advance of a due date
- synchronous learning: real-time learning, generally on a live video platform and sometimes including an attendance requirement
- [flipped classroom](#): students watch recorded lectures for homework and complete their assignments, labs and tests in class
- blended learning: combines online educational materials and opportunities for interaction online with traditional place-based classroom methods

❖ Virtual Events: Resources can be found at: www.autismspeaks.org

- Home All Day: Exercise During COVID-19:
 - 15 minute hiking workout | Autism Speaks + Pop Fit Kids:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBjNGEPOSfk>
 - 15 minute "swimming" workout | Autism Speaks + Pop Fit Kids:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4z7MhMRlkbY>
- Browse activities by area of interest by clicking on a link below.
 - Learning Activities: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/virtual-summer-activities#Learning>
 - Art and Crafting: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/virtual-summer-activities#Art>
 - Games: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/virtual-summer-activities#Games>
 - Movement and Mindfulness: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/virtual-summer-activities#Movement>
 - Music: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/virtual-summer-activities#Music>

AUTISM TREATMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

AUGUST | 2020



ATAP

Aging and Disability Services Division

- Outdoors and Animals: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/virtual-summer-activities#Outdoors>
- Reading: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/virtual-summer-activities#Reading>
- Sports: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/virtual-summer-activities#Sports>
- Technology: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/virtual-summer-activities#Technology>
- Theater: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/virtual-summer-activities#Theater>
- Virtual Field Trips: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/virtual-summer-activities#VirtualTrips>