

AUTISM TREATMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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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

- **COVID-19:** To inform Nevadans statewide, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Governor's Office have created this website to better share information and resources as it pertains to the current status of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and its impact within the state of Nevada: <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov>
 - **ADSD Community Resources for Coronavirus:** <http://adsd.nv.gov/Home/Coronavirus/Community Provider Resources for Coronavirus>
 - **Families and Providers:** If anyone in your **household** or **ANY** of your staff is exhibiting any of the following symptoms listed in the CDC website below, **YOU MUST** cancel any upcoming home visits **and/or** sessions by contacting your Developmental Specialist and your provider: fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. If you're experiencing symptoms, call your medical provider.
 - **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) - Symptoms**
If there have been any recent changes in your family's income, please inform your Developmental Specialist so they can re-evaluate your Funding Reduction.
- **REMINDER:** If your child is on an insurance plan that renews in July, please submit a copy of last year's EOBs and this year's updated insurance card to your ATAP DS.
- **MAY 2020 CENSUS:** The Census will be starting soon! The census count is done once every 10 years and the data collected is used to determine the allocation of federal funding. This is important as it determines where communities need new schools, clinics, roads and services for families, older adults, and children. The results also inform how federal funding is allocated to more than 100 programs including Medicaid, Head Start, mental health services, SNAP, etc. We encourage all families to participate.
- **PUBLIC CHARGE:** Under Section 212(a)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), an individual seeking admission to the United States or seeking to adjust status to permanent resident (obtaining a green card) is inadmissible if the individual "at the time of application for admission or adjustment of status, is likely at any time to become a public charge." An individual who is likely at any time to become a public charge is inadmissible to the United States and ineligible to become

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a legal permanent resident. However, receiving public benefits does not automatically make an individual a public charge. This new law went into effect on February 24, 2020. Please review the “Fact Sheet” and “USCIS Announcement of Public Charge Rule Implementation” to obtain more detailed information on what types of benefits are subject to public charge and which are not.

- <https://www.uscis.gov/news/news-releases/uscis-announces-public-charge-rule-implementation-following-supreme-court-stay-nationwide-injunctions>
- <https://www.uscis.gov/news/fact-sheets/public-charge-fact-sheet>
- Brief Summary of Public Charge provided by Legal Aid of Southern Nevada:
 - Benefits received affect the entire household, so parents whose child receives SSI benefits could potentially be affected by this law.
 - USCIS has not provided parameters on the time frame they are looking at, but it was suggested that they typically look back 5 to 10 years. An individual who received benefits 8 years ago looks better than an individual who received benefits 2 years ago.
 - ATAP services will not affect the child or their family as services are not considered cash benefits. ATAP pays the provider directly; the family doesn't receive payments or any cash amount from ATAP.
 - Regional services such as Family Preservation Program can affect families as the family receives a monthly cash allotment and determines how the funds are utilized.
 - Public charge doesn't apply to any individuals under TPS, U-Visa; T-Visa, Asylum, Special Juvenile Status, refugees or Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA") recipients.
 - The new law **will affect** Lawful Permanent Residents who are petitioning for family members inside or outside of the U.S. or individuals seeking to adjust status to permanent resident.
- If you have specific questions or concerns, please contact Washoe Legal Services (299 S. Arlington Ave Reno, Nevada 89501; 775.329.2727) to obtain clarification or assistance.
- **If your child is currently without a provider**, please make sure you are calling providers monthly to ensure your child is still on their waitlist, and to check on the status. This is a requirement to stay active with ATAP.
- **Parent training is a requirement to stay active with ATAP** (if you are funded by ATAP.) If your provider does not have you working on parent programs, please reach out to your ATAP DS and let them know.
- **REMINDER:** Monthly contact with your ATAP DS is **mandatory** to keep ATAP funding. Please make sure you are staying in touch monthly with your DS.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Washoe County: Sierra Regional Center: 775-688-1930
- Carson City: Rural Regional Center: 775-687-5162
- Gardnerville: Rural Regional Center: 775-782-3671
- Fallon/Fernley: Rural Regional Center: 775-423-0347
- JUSTin Hope: 775-453-9262
- Autism Coalition of Nevada (ACON): acon.nv.org

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- Northern Nevada RAVE Family Foundation: (775)-787-3520
- Nevada Homeschool Network: nevadahomeschoolnetwork.com
- Sierra Kids Before and After School Program: 775-334-2262
- Care Chest of Northern Nevada: 775-829-2273
- Positive Behavior Support of Nevada (PBS-NV): 775-784-4921
- Nevada PEP: 775-448-9950
- Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center: 775-333-7878
- Nevada Educational Advocacy for Children and Youth (NEACCY): 855-645-5297
- Nevada Equine Assisted Therapy (N.E.A.T.): 775-473-5548
- For Kids Foundation: 775-741-5231
- NV Energy: <https://www.nvenergy.com/always/on/cannon-message-covid19>
- AT&T: <https://about.att.com/pages/COVID-19.html>
- Verizon: <https://www.verizon.com/about/news/our-response-coronavirus>
- Sprint: <https://newsroom.sprint.com/a-message-to-sprint-customers.htm>
- DETR/UNEMPLOYMENT: https://detr.nv.gov/Page/Press_Releases or (775) 684-0350
- Spectrum: <https://www.spectrum.net/support/internet/corona-virus-internet-offer-students> or 1-844-488-8398
- Elementary Spanish: https://funforspanishteachers.com/2020/03/elementary-spanish-resources-for-home-learning/?fbclid=IwAR3mqtxxNWLusdWxX8gHMs_mruWp7fGpvdHZAllPrX9grRJ8L8xiXfLs5pMo or <https://www.thespanishexperiment.com/stories>
- Google Doc Spreadsheet of Educational Websites: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t3r618pd8MAi6V87dG2D66PtIKoHdHusBpjPKXgm36w/edit?fbclid=IwARoDbnCzn7tggURjttlbyACLl7IQmSPNdjvUXdAlXUjnfBu3DWM2RDkwo-o>
- Virtual Zoo Tours: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SvIdgTx9djKO6SjyvPDsoGlkgE3iExmi3qh2KRRku_w/preview?fbclid=IwAR31kYTWRLuoQU_oXmgwZAZcvjsygmPGWpMkNHMTIwNuwua4ybXE1AkaYfo&pru=AAA_BcQ7G3o8*nHOEG449aHX3pPPmTXaEA
- Scholastic: <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>
- Netflix Educational Shows: <https://homeschoolhideout.com/educational-shows-on-netflix/?fbclid=IwARoXJHKd2fNgiCavNYfKbnVE1iQkQzn4fNSFYjtt6d6TkgZPuc59bVCrbrk>
- Special Needs Extensions for Google Chrome: https://www.controlaltachieve.com/2016/10/special-needs-extensions.html?m=1&fbclid=IwAR22PmHvc7lb87h7m9u--lA_AmR4bV1qKrGo_8ZBLLycdqHdySFF-98_Go
- Free Coding Classes: <https://codewizardshq.com/coding-for-kids-free/>
- Free Opera Streaming: <https://www.metopera.org/user-information/nightly-met-opera-streams/>

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

WHEN: Every 1st Sunday of the month; 9-11AM

WHERE: 5000 Smithridge Dr. Reno, NV 89502

WHAT: Sensory Sundays at Chuck E. Cheese! They will open two hours early for children with Autism and other special needs with the environment being sensory-friendly. DUE TO PREVENTION EFFORTS OF COVID-19: No events and may resume in May. Tentative to change.

WHEN: Every 3rd Saturday of the month from 9AM-10AM

WHERE: 10 Greg Street Sparks, Nevada 89431

WHAT: Fly High Trampoline Park. A family-friendly sensory morning in which Fly High will be open to our special needs community members and closed to the public. Enjoy a morning of fun with other families who share similar stories. \$5 per participant (excluding parents, guardians, & caretakers) JUSTin Hope members are free. Please go to <http://www.justinhope.org/> for registration details! DUE TO PREVENTION EFFORTS OF COVID-19: Event is suspended and tentative to change.

WHEN: From March 17th through school closures; 8:30 & 11:30AM

WHERE: Boys and Girls Club (5 main locations: 2680 E. Ninth Street, 1300 Foster Drive, 1090 Bresson Avenue, 3905 Neil Road, 325 Patrician Drive)

WHAT: The Boys and Girls Club will be handing out free boxed breakfast and lunch for children under the age of 18 years old. This is a drive-by/grab-and-go service only.

WHEN: From March 17th through school closures; 11:30AM-1PM

WHERE: Empire Elementary School, Mark Twain Elementary School, Seeliger Elementary School, Carson High School

WHAT: Grab-and-go meal sites for children who qualify for free/reduced meal programs.

WHEN: From March 17th through school closures; Hours varied

WHERE: Locations varied throughout the washoe county

WHAT: The Kids Café Program will offer Grab-and-go meals Monday-Friday, for children age 1-18. Please visit <https://fbnn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FBNN-Kids-Cafe-2020-School-Closure-Schedule-as-of-20200317.pdf> for specified locations and hours.

WHEN: March 17th – April 15th

WHERE: <https://www.nevadahealthlink.com/> or 1-800-547-2927

WHAT: Governor Sisolak has allowed Silver State Health Insurance Exchange to hold a special enrollment period to allow Nevadans to get health care coverage. Go to the site listed or call to start the enrollment process.

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RESOURCES FOR ACTIVITIES & WEBSITES

Social Stories about COVID-19

<https://www.flipsnack.com/KeshetChicago/coronavirus-social-story/full-view.html?fbclid=IwAR1TI9uCyLFcu1baJbisaPATbFPUpTniM8RkCRq5MdUabum8pwSrpswqdZc>

Screen time alternatives

https://health.clevelandclinic.org/12-healthier-alternatives-to-screen-time-when-kids-are-stuck-at-home-with-no-school/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=cc+posts&fbclid=IwAR0Q7PsU9oju

ulPGNaNPMUq6RC7ecPdfQPyhZU88OXCsiIIRoeqjWWhSAjQQ

Suggestions for physical/sensory activities (check OT Toolbox and The Sensory Spectrum Facebook pages)
www.theotttoolbox.com

Education companies offering free subscriptions
<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/135609/list-of-education-companies-offering-free-subscriptions/?fbclid=IwAR2QOP9NUzw39uBwvLZ1XVCkq9dfMGf2BZO1qSurzSKsCo5miHjc59idv1U>



Switcheroo Zoo

www.switcheroozoo.com

Watch, listen, and play games to learn all about amazing animals!

Nat Geo for Kids

www.kids.nationalgeographic.com

Learn all about geography and fascinating animals!

Into the Book

www.reading.ecb.org

Go "into the book" to play games that practice reading strategies!

Suessville

www.seussville.com

Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss and his friends!

ABC YA

www.abcy.com

Practice math and reading skills all while playing fun games!

Fun Brain

www.funbrain.com

Play games while practicing math and reading skills!

PBS Kids

www.pbs.org

Hang out with your favorite characters all while learning!

Star Fall

www.starfall.com

Practice your phonics skills with these read-along stories!

Storyline Online

www.storylineonline.net

Have some of your favorite stories read to you by movie stars!

Highlights Kids

www.highlightskids.com

Read, play games, and conduct cool science experiments!