

Education Coordinating Council April 7, 2021

9:30 a.m. | via Zoom

Present: Acting Chair Richard Martinez, Pomona Unified School District

Fabricio Segovia, ECC Vice Chair (former foster youth) Michelle Alferes, Inglewood Unified School District Stacy Barron, Department of Children and Family Services Matt Case, Antelope Valley Union High School District

Jessica Chandler, Department of Children and Family Services (former foster youth)

Jesus Corral, Probation Department Julie Eustler, Lancaster School District Kimberly Fuentes, Office of Child Protection

Stefanie Gluckman, ECC Director

Leslie Starr Heimov, Children's Law Center

Kathy Hunter, William S. Hart Union High School District

Anna Long, Department of Public Health

Jeannette Mann, Commission for Children and Families

Judge Michael Nash, Office of Child Protection Mark Rodgers, Bonita Unified School District Elisabeth Salazar, Office of Child Protection

Barbara Spyrou Lundqvist, Office of Child Protection

Kanchana Tate, Department of Mental Health

Katrina Taylor, Los Angeles County Office of Education

Aaron Yoscovitz, Palmdale School District

Victoria Yurkins, Los Angeles County Office of Education

Speakers and Guests:

Denise Grande, Department of Arts and Culture

Brisia Gutierrez, Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC)

La Shona Jenkins, Los Angeles County Office of Education

Mario Johnson, Office of Equity, Department of Children and Family Services

Stanley Johnson, UCLA Center for the Transformation of Schools

Megan Kirkpatrick, Department of Arts and Culture Judge Martha Matthews, Los Angeles Superior Court Denise Miranda, Los Angeles Unified School District Alaina Moonves-Leb, Alliance for Children's Rights Elisabeth Nails, Department of Arts and Culture Andrea Ohlsen-Esparaza, WriteGirl/Bold Ink Writers Jessica Petrass, John Burton Advocates for Youth Brana Phillips, Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC)

Luciana Svidler, Children's Law Center

Katrina Taylor, Los Angeles County Office of Education

Keren Taylor, WriteGirl/Bold Ink Writers

Speakers and Maria Thompson, Charter Oak Unified School District

Guests (cont'd): Trish Wilson, Lancaster School District

Monica Banken, Fifth Supervisorial District Kelvin Driscoll, Second Supervisorial District Marina Escobedo, Second Supervisorial District Maral Karaccusian, Fourth Supervisorial District

ECC Director Stefanie Gluckman introduced Richard Martinez, Superintendent of the Pomona Unified School District, today taking the place of ECC Chair Mónica Garcia, who had an unanticipated conflict. Martinez has been connected with the work of the ECC for many years and in particular appreciates this meeting's concentration on the transition back to in-person school from distance learning, and the specific ramifications of that shift for foster youth. He expressed condolences to all who have lost friends and family, as he has, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Healing-Informed Arts Opening Exercise

Keren Taylor and Andrea Ohlsen-Esparaza from WriteGirl/Bold Ink Writers led participants in an exercise to write down a one-word 'intangible' they would like to let go of in their lives, embellish the written word with various designs, then rip up or crumple the paper and throw it away. Attendees then wrote down a quality they wanted more of in their lives, enhanced that word with art and design, and were asked to retain it, keeping it in a place where they will see it every day. "This activity can help with emotional self-regulation—throwing things away and keeping something in writing in front of you are powerful forces," the presenters explained. "It's a way to make goals into something concrete and clear."

Meeting Focus

Barbara Spyrou Lundqvist covered virtual-meeting housekeeping topics, including the online <u>location of meeting materials</u> that in some cases supersede those previously distributed, and Stefanie Gluckman introduced the overall topic of the meeting.

"The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent school closures," Gluckman began, "has further exacerbated the unique challenges that both justice-involved and foster youth already face." System-involved youth reported insecurity in housing and food, as well as a lack of access to health care and mental-health services. They were also disproportionately affected by school closures, in many cases lacking the necessary technology and supports to engage in virtual learning. The pandemic disrupted services (including those on school campuses), made it difficult for youth to have visitations with family members, and intensified feelings of isolation and anxiety for youth already coping with trauma.

In addition, the pandemic raised several equity issues. Communities of color have been disproportionately affected by the disease and its effects, and recent data illustrates that Black and Latinx people are receiving fewer vaccinations than their COVID case and death rates would suggest are optimal, and fewer than their proportion in the general population.

"As schools begin returning to in-person learning," Gluckman went on, "it is important for all partners at the ECC table—County departments, community-based organizations, school districts, and others—to coordinate across sectors to examine issues affecting children and youth during the pandemic, particularly with regard to learning loss. We also must discuss the needs of teachers, caregivers, and service providers during this transition and provide them with the necessary support to help students navigate the re-opening of their schools."

Radical Care for Youth

Acting Chair Martinez introduced Dr. Stanley Johnson from the University of California, Los Angeles, Center for the Transformation of Schools (CTS), whose PowerPoint presentation, Equity-Focused Mindsets of Care: Supporting Foster Youth as They Return to In-Person Learning, appears as Attachment 1 to these minutes and is also available online.

The ECC's mission, role, and approach (page 2 of Attachment 1) embodies the same 'champion of education' model as does CTS (page 3), leading with equity rather than equality in supporting foster-youth social and emotional well-being (page 4) and avoiding cookie-cutter mindsets. "We have to meet students and families *where they are*, each of them," Johnson stated. "One-size-fits-all tactics just set everyone up for failure."

Within the radical-care approach, collaboration and partnerships are critical. Services and mindsets must be intentional and deliberate, with services aligned to meet the needs of foster youth, students, families, caregivers, and others by:

- Seeking to understand them and their individual situations
- Developing and tailoring policies/services to mitigate any disadvantages
- Supporting and providing resources to cultivate foster youth into self-reliant and confident individuals who can successfully enter adult life

Radical self-care is equally necessary for caregivers and service providers, Johnson reminded attendees—"Taking care of myself so I can show up for those who are most vulnerable," as he put it.

In elaborating on the recommendations for re-opening schools (page 6 of Attachment 1), Johnson encouraged meeting participants to remember that some children have thrived in the distance-learning environment, never having felt fully welcome or comfortable in the classroom. Culturally relevant and healing-informed lenses are necessary during the return, as is recognizing implicit biases that we may unconsciously harbor. Are we lowering expectations for some because we have a 'deficit' approach to particular children and families? "Equity and self-care for foster youth will be real when our policies match our actions," Johnson concluded.

Acting Chair Martinez thanked Johnson for his presentation, commenting how relevant this type of work is in the Pomona school district and referencing "Radical Care" to Let Black Boys Thrive by CTS director Tyrone C. Howard and Jaleel R. Howard. Martinez himself grew up in foster care. "Things could be ugly and life was uncertain," he admitted, "but compound that with a pandemic and I can hardly imagine. We are indeed called upon to lead with empathy and equity."

Mental-Health Supports

Disengagement from school has been widespread during the pandemic, and not only for foster youth; about 55 percent of the Pomona district's student population dropped out of distance learning during the past year. Making sure that students' mental-health issues are addressed as they return to the classroom or a hybrid schedule should be prioritized.

"Some kids *have* thrived in the virtual environment," said Kanchana Tate from the Department of Mental Health (DMH), agreeing with Johnson's presentation, "and some have suffered. But in our return, we must start with the educators and administrators themselves, who are also dealing with fear, anxiety, loss, and loneliness. We need to support them so they can support students—help them regulate and gain calmness and stability so they can get students back into learning mode."

The DMH school team has opened up a triage and linkage process through which school counselors can refer youth to service providers at many school facilities (Attachment 2), and has also increased the number of mental-heath practitioners on staff. The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) has also developed a resource page for COVID-19, included as Attachment 3.

Michele Alferes, who works with the Inglewood Unified School District, expressed appreciation to DMH for supporting the social/emotional well-being of students. That district is bringing on staff and counselors at every school site, especially at the elementary level where children are returning first. "We want to ensure that we have providers assigned to every school; we have one pilot where a mental-health therapist is on campus five days a week," she said. "And we're keeping professional development for teachers at the top of our minds, too."

Denise Grande from the Department of Arts and Culture reminded meeting participants that the arts provide natural and authentic ways to tap in to health and wellness issues for both adults and youth. "As they're plugging back into learning," she suggested, "arts-rich environments can increase student engagement. How can that be woven in to district re-opening strategies? The arts can validate a foster youth's lived experience, and give us all a way to meet young people where they are." She recommended the Los Angeles County Office of Education's Center for Distance & Online Learning and its TEAL program (Technology-Enhanced Arts Learning) for no-cost professional development for educators, psychologists, and administrators.

"Over the last year," Grande added, "an arts-led collaboration has offered monthly teacher 'self-care' sessions, supporting adults and offering strategies for arts-related work with young people in their classrooms. Our shift to a virtual platform has meant that support is not about transportation any more! We want to bring this work to STRTP staff and residents [Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs], caregivers, school-district staff, and other clinicians." Anyone interested should contact Denise Grande at DGrande@arts.lacounty.gov.

Juvenile Court Update

Judge Martha Matthews co-chairs the Court Education Committee, a monthly forum to share updates and address emerging issues, composed of individuals and agencies involved with foster youth and their education. (Anyone wishing to participate is invited to contact her at mmatthews@lacourt.org; all persons/agencies involved in education for foster youth are welcome.)

"Starting last year, all over Los Angeles County," Matthews began, "parents, relative caregivers, resource families, group-home staff, and other adults were suddenly expected to do a new job for the kids in their care—teaching them. Many have been struggling, and it has been a huge challenge. Now that young people are beginning to return to school campuses, more challenges lie ahead."

- Most school districts seem to be planning a hybrid instructional model to begin with—students learning part-time at home and part-time back on campus. This may present logistical problems for families with children of different ages or attending different schools, especially if adults are eventually expected to return to their regular workplaces rather than continue teleworking from home (if they have been able to).
- Foster youths' school-of-origin rights remain, and best-interest determinations are mandatory prior to making any change—especially since students may have been attending virtually at a school 100 miles from their current placement. "We really have to ramp up to make these decisions," Matthews said. "We can't simply make them by default."

Unfortunately, it is as yet unclear whether the caregiver or the youth's educational rights holder (ERH) is responsible for making the ultimate decision about location. As minors' counsel, the Children's Law Center (CLC) has written a legal memo on this topic, and the Department of Children and Family Services has sought advice from County Counsel, but Judge Matthews believes no firm answer has yet been settled on.

CLC's Leslie Heimov hopes that the ERH and caregiver can work together with the youth to have conversations about competing needs. "An individualized decision is key," she said. "If all the adults are communicating, they should be able to come up with something they can all support. It's entirely possible, for example, that the caregiver has health issues that the ERH is unaware of, and that the youth's attending a far-off school could jeopardize the placement."

Judge Matthews worries about reconnecting students who are vulnerable to dropping out and giving up on school. "At every court hearing, I ask for a detailed report on the kid's education," she said. "What's going on? Is the IEP [Individualized Education Program] working? What should be changed? We should track how these kids are doing as they cycle through regular court hearings."

Acting Chair Martinez thanked Judge Matthews for her thoughts and acknowledged his own frustration with the way school districts often handle education for vulnerable students. "Do you have any sage advice for us that we can spread to our colleagues?" he asked her. "What are the top two things that irritate you about school districts?"

As districts are well aware, they are required to plan for special student populations (foster youth, English learners, youth experiencing homelessness, or other groups the district identifies) in their Local Control and Accountability Plans, or LCAPs. In her former career as an advocate, Matthews said, she saw many districts with "beautiful plans," as well as some for whom special populations were clearly an afterthought.

"Foster kids tend to change schools more often, have gaps in their education, and encounter problems getting their records transferred," she said. "At the same time, they have a set of unique educational rights. They have the legal right to immediate enrollment in a new district, whether or not their grades or vaccination records have followed them yet. They also have the right—codified in Welfare and Institutions Code §361—to have access to the same extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports that are available to all students, even if they arrive at their new schools after try-outs have already taken place. Everyone needs to know this is a special population. Different rules apply."

Second, a very high overlap exists between dependency-court involvement and special-education needs. "Despite this," Matthews stated, "I often hear that a child has not been assessed for an IEP because there is a waiting list for that process. *There is no waitlist for IEP assessments*. This is a huge priority. As schools reopen, we must figure out how to get back on a normal timeline for creating and modifying IEPs."

She also followed up on Denise Grande's earlier comments. "The arts, sports, and extracurricular activities are ways to bring kids back to school," Matthews said. "They are not a luxury. Foster youth have the right to participate in age-appropriate activities, and choir or band or the football team can be a lifeline for many kids. We must treat those things not as 'extras,' but as key pathways to reconnect kids with school."

Youth Voices

Stefanie Gluckman thanked Judge Matthews for joining the meeting and agreed that the ECC has long been hearing from foster youth that they want nontraditional mental-health supports instead of just sitting one-on-one with a clinician. She asked two former foster youth to comment: University of California Merced student Brana Phillips and the Alliance for Children's Rights' Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC) Outreach and Engagement Fellow, Brisia Gutierrez.

Gutierrez encouraged the idea of the arts and other activities being nontraditional forms of mental-health services. "Also, when I was in foster care, that was kept pretty much hush-hush," she added. "Some kind of support group or activity for foster kids to be part of while at school might have helped to normalize the situation and create a community for us."

With regard to returning to in-person learning, Phillips believes the concentration should be on transitioning together. "Everyone staying informed is the biggest issue," she said. "There's a lot of stress if you don't know what's going on. Teachers and students should be asked how they feel about returning. What are their concerns? How can classrooms be made a better place? Together they could create classroom rules for returning and feeling safe."

Victoria Yurkins, a foster-youth voice from the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), also supported the importance of community, especially for foster students coming back to school. "Being with people in similar situations is very important to thriving," she said.

Recovery Planning

Mark Rodgers from Bonita Unified School District believes that recovery from the pandemic disruption will be a long-term project for schools. "We need to map out years of this," he stated. "Initial recovery, stabilizing what works, then transitioning into whatever the 'new normal' will be." In general, recovery and maintenance require different resource decisions. "A rule of thumb for budgeting is that you don't add new positions with temporary or one-time dollars," Rodgers went on. "We might have to change our minds about that. If we need extra staff support during the recovery phase, we may spend some COVID money for that when normally we wouldn't."

The recovery mindset should also extend to learning-loss mitigation. "If students thrived in the virtual-learning situation," Rodgers said, "we need to learn the lessons COVID forced us to learn, and not immediately return to 'normal." In his district, chronic absenteeism dropped considerably as students became much more active about signing on for online class. "Even five percent of the kids we thought were coming back in person have logged on virtually instead. We have a responsibility to slow down enough to think about what the pandemic has taught us. We can't go back to the way things were—for all kids, really, but for foster youth, too. Schools need to come out of this better than we were before."

Meeting participants shared related strategies.

- The Antelope Valley Union High School District has designated counselors specifically for foster youth with appointments online, created a clearinghouse document of all available mental-health and related supports, co-located Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) social workers on-campus, and scheduled a resilience symposium later this month.
- The Department of Mental Health is establishing a <u>Community Ambassador Network</u> through which students will receive stipends to support other students, thus becoming healers of their own communities.

- To ensure equity, DCFS is streamlining the consent process regarding COVID vaccines.
- Strides in school stability have been made during the pandemic and should be continued. The Alliance for Children's Rights would like to see programs for foster students in particular introduced at additional access points to ensure that "youth are in places where opportunities happen," as Alaina Moonves-Leb phrased it.

Stefanie Gluckman suggested that a workgroup could be formed to discuss learnings from virtual education for system-involved youth. Acting Chair Martinez thanked everyone for their comments, and hopes that this information/material can be shared widely.

Public Comment

- Jessica Petrass from John Burton Advocates for Youth acknowledged the pandemic's impact on high-school seniors' completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and similar forms, noting a decrease in submissions from this time last year. "It's a critical time to support foster youth in this process," she said. "They're struggling with motivation and engagement, and many are fearful of safely going to college." Also, how can students graduating high school in 2020 be re-engaged in secondary-education opportunities?
- The DCFS Youth Development Services section will partner with LACOE to hold a 'final push workshop' for students on April 20 for FAFSA and California Dream Act applications. A flyer accompanies these minutes as Attachment 4.
- Mario Johnson, division chief at the DCFS Office of Equity, mentioned the profound effect that injustices experienced by Black and Asian people—Black Lives Matter, COVID-related 'Asian Hate,' and the televised trial of Derek Chauvin for the death of George Floyd—have had on young people and their performance in school. "Let's put that in the mental-health basket, too," he recommended.

Healing-Informed Arts Closing Exercise

Keren Taylor and Andrea Ohlsen-Esparaza conducted an imagination exercise to close the meeting—finding a bottle on a beach, labeled with your name and containing a delicate scroll with excellent advice from a person who has watched over you for the last month or so. "What would that advice be?" they asked. "Write it down. Yes, it's really advice from yourself to yourself, but keeping it visible can be very helpful."

Next Meeting

The Education Coordinating Council's next meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. In-person location and/or Zoom link to follow

Adjournment

There being no further public comment, Acting Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Equity-Focused Mindsets Of Care: Supporting Foster Youth As They Return To In-Person Learning

Stanley L. Johnson, Jr., Ph.D.

Los Angeles County Office of Child Protection
Education Coordinating Council Meeting
April 7, 2021

Education Coordinating Council's

Champion of Education Model

Mission: To raise the educational achievement of systeminvolved youth in Los Angeles County

Role & Approach

- As an advocate, mobilizing support across various public and private stakeholder groups;
- As a convener and broker, working with other organizations to identify problems and develop solutions; and
- As a policymaker, spearheading strategies that support the increased educational achievement of the County's youth

Center for the Transformation of Schools

- Primary Objective is to create schools that all students deserve, schools that are free of racism, that challenge inequality, that address the basic needs of children, and allow them all to develop their potential.
- Funding Partners who believe in our mission and are grateful for their commitment to our work and research endeavors.
- We partner with parents, educators, students, school systems leaders, health and community organizations, and policy makers by prioritizing our work to help inform policies, practices, and pedagogies that address systemic inequities due to racial injustice by leveraging equitable and sustainable educational access and opportunity for all students and especially our most vulnerable populations.

Radical Care Approach

Supporting Foster Youth Social & Emotional Well Being

Supporting Foster Youth Social & Emotional Well Being Will Be Achieved When We:

- Understand Equity vs Equality (Blankenstein & Noguera, 2016)
 - Equality Assumes Everyone is Equal
 - Equity does not assume equality. It is about fairness and seeks to close gaps by meeting individuals where they are and addressing their needs accordingly.
 - No One Size Fits All Model
 - Avoid Cookie-Cutter Mindsets
- Adopt Critical Wellness & Care Frameworks (Howard,

et.al, 2019)



Radical Care Approach

Radical Care

- Collaboration and Partnerships are Critical
- Leads to Radical Care (Hobart & Kneese, 2020; Davis, A, 2020).
 - Services and mindsets are Intentional & deliberate
 - Services are aligned to meet the needs of people (i.e. foster youth, students, families, caregivers, etc.) by:
 - Seeking to understand them and their situations
 - Developing and tailoring policies and services to mitigate their situations
 - Supporting and providing resources that will develop foster youth into self-reliant and confident individuals who can matriculate successfully into society

Reopening Schools

RECOMMENDATIONS

Mitigating The Accumulation Of Disadvantage

- Equity Model in Service Delivery
 - Am I working with an equity mindset when it comes to service delivery?
- Deliberate Mindsets that Affirms And Validates Foster Youth Lived Experiences
 - Requires knowing they are, what they are experiencing, and prioritizing resources and services to mitigate disadvantage
- Culturally Relevant & Trauma Informed Lenses
 - How do my services/deliverables represent culturally responsiveness and attentiveness to those who are in need?
- Watch Dog Mentality Concerning Data
 - What does your data say about those who you serve? How can I tailor services from these data?
- Mindful of Environmental and Health Disparities Pre/During Pandemic
 - How do we identify them without harboring deficit mindsets?
- Creating Systems That Are Sensitive to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)
 - Foster, homelessness, food insecurity, carceral system, non-nuclear families,
 - Human Development Index numbers

Reimagining Equity For Foster Youth

Closing Thoughts

We will actualize our collective missions of leading with equity and achieving self-care for foster youth when equitable policies are created and our actions and services mirror and reflect our policies.



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Follow-Up Info

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http://transformschools.ucla.edu/who-we-are/our-team/



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Educational Resources

Crisis Support		
Resources that may help if you are experiencing a mental health crisis or need immediate support		
Title/Description	Phone Number/Website	
DMH Helpline (24/7 phone) Hotline for anyone seeking emotional support, mental health services, or navigating services for a loved one, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.	1-800-854-7771	
Emotional Support Warm Line (9am-9pm PST phone) One of the options when calling the DMH Helpline, for county residents who may not want mental health services but would like to talk with a trained listener.	1-800-854-7771 (option 2 when calling the DMH Help Line)	
LA County Wellbeing Line & Chat (11am-7pm PST 7 days/week phone line) (1pm-7pm PST 7 day/week chat line) Support line for professionals experiencing stress, desiring someone to talk to or supportive resources. Open 7 days a week, 10am-6pm.	Phone – 1-833-307-0509 Chat – wellbeing4la.org/get-support	
Suicide Prevention Lifeline through Didi Hirsch (24/7 phone) Lifeline to call when you or someone you know may be considering suicide. Call even if it isn't a crisis, 24 hours 7 days a week.	1-800-273-8255	
Trevor Project (24/7 phone/text/chat)	1-866-488-7386, or visit https://www.thetrevorproject.org/	
Trans Lifeline (24/7 phone)	1-877-565-8860, or visit https://translifeline.org/	
CA Youth Crisis Hotline (24/7 phone)	1-800-843-5200, or visit http://calyouth.org/chat-with-a-crisis-counselor/	
Teen Line (6PM – 9PM PST phone/text)	310-855-4673 or text "TEEN" to 839863, or visit https://teenlineonline.org/yyp/edelman-mental-health-center/	
Office of Surgeon General		
Title/Description	Link	
California Surgeon General's Playbook: Stress Relief for Caregivers and Kids during COVID-19	https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/wp/california-surgeon- general stress-busting-playbook draft-v2clean ada- 04072020.pdf	

Los Angeles County Office of Education Resources		
Title/Description	Link	
Los Angeles County Schools: Rising to the Challenge of	https://www.lacoe.edu/Home/School-Reopening	
COVID-19 – A Planning Framework for the 2020-21		
School Year		
Los Angeles County Head Start and Early Learning:	https://www.lacoe.edu/Portals/0/HSEL%20Reopening%20P	
Reopening Planning Framework – Rising to the	lanning%20Framework.pdf?ver=2020-07-15-141136-690	
Challenge of COVID-19		

Resources: Equity, Social Justice, and Engagement	https://www.lacoe.edu/Curriculum-Instruction/Equity-	
	Social-Justice-and-Engagement	
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources	https://www.lacoe.edu/Home/Health-and- Safety/Coronavirus-Resources	
COVID-19 Response – Resources and Announcements	https://www.lacoe.edu/Early-Learning/ECE-Covid-19-	
- Early Childhood Education	Resource-Page	

DMH-UCLA Prevention Center of Excellence		
Title/Description	Link	
Wellbeing4LA Learning Center	https://www.wellbeing4la.org/wellbeing4la-online-	
Trainings to help school staff build confidence in	<u>learning-center/</u>	
recognizing and responding to the emotional and mental health needs of students and families		
Preparing to Reopen: Prioritizing Prevention	https://learn.wellbeing4la.org/detail?id=1761	
With Dr. Jonathan Sherin, Director, Los Angeles County		
Department of Mental Health		
The Path to Reopening Los Angeles Schools	https://learn.wellbeing4la.org/detail?id=1756	
With Dr. Debra Duardo, Superintendent of Schools,		
LACOE		
Preparing to Reopen: Considerations for Student and	https://learn.wellbeing4la.org/detail?id=1759	
Staff Safety		
With Arturo Valdez, Deputy Superintendent of Schools,		
LACOE		
Preparing to Reopen: Listening, Partnering, and	https://learn.wellbeing4la.org/detail?id=1760	
Breathing		
With Dr. Laurel Bear, Educational Consultant, Los		
Angeles County Department of Mental Health		
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For more information, check out "Educators Overcoming Under Stress," a series of videos to support educators and school staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. The full series is available for free on the DMH-UCLA Prevention Center of Excellence learning platform.

^{*}Please note: You will have to sign up for an account before being able to access the trainings.

Additional Resources for Educators		
Title/Description	Link	
Getting Back to School after Disruptions (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports)	https://www.pbis.org/resource/getting-back-to-school-after-disruptions-resources-for-making-your-school-year-	
Resources for making your school year safer, more predictable, and more positive	<u>safer-more-predictable-and-more-positive</u>	
Addressing Racism in the Classroom (NCTSN)	https://schoolcounselor.org/asca/media/PDFs/FINAL-Race-	
	and-Trauma-in-the-Classroom-Factsheet.pdf	
A resource for educators		
Teaching Through Trauma (California Educator)	https://californiaeducator.org/2019/08/19/teaching-	
	through-trauma/	
A series of stories that look at how educators are handling students with trauma		
Helping Youth after Community Trauma (NCTSN)	https://achieve.lausd.net/cms/lib/CA01000043/Centricity/	
	Domain/156/helping youth after community trauma for	
Tips for educators	_educators final explosions.pdf	
School Reentry Considerations (American School	https://www.schoolcounselor.org/asca/media/asca/Publica	
Counselor Association)	tions/SchoolReentry.pdf	

	ATTACHIVIENT 2
Supporting student social and emotional learning and	
mental and behavioral health amidst COVID-19	
Back to School After COVID-19 (Mental Health	https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/new-england-
Technology Transfer Center Network)	mhttc/product/c-tlc-back-school-after-covid-19-supporting-
	student-and-staff
Supporting student and staff mental health toolkit	
Countering Coronavirus Stigma & Racism (National	https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-
Association of School Psychologists)	publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-
	safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/countering-
Tips for teachers and other educators	coronavirus-stigma-and-racism-tips-for-teachers-and-other-
	<u>educators</u>
Teaching Tolerance	https://www.tolerance.org/the-moment/may-8-2020-
	affirming-black-lives-without-inducing-
Affirming Black lives without inducing trauma	trauma?fbclid=IwAR276I4wLsnNCsPdoVI_FjPN-ZTjsPv4t-
	<u>D9vXwroEGmvDlQi9aOul7mnP0</u>
Supporting Black LGBTQ Youth Mental Health (Trevor	https://www.thetrevorproject.org/wp-
Project)	content/uploads/2020/06/Supporting-Black-LGBTQ-Youth-
	Mental-Health.pdf
Tips for educators	

Additional Resources for Parents		
Title/Description	Link	
Supporting your child's mental health as they return to school (UNICEF)	https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/supporting-your-childs-mental-health-during-covid-19-school-return	
How parents can help their children navigate their feelings during school reopenings		
'What will a return to school during COVID-19 pandemic look like?' (UNICEF)	https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/what-will-return-school-during-covid-19-pandemic-look	
What parents need to know about school reopening in the age of coronavirus		
Starting a New School Year Following a Summer of Change (Psych Central)	https://psychcentral.com/lib/starting-a-new-school-year-following-a-summer-of-change/	
Resources for helping students transition back to school		
Helping Children Cope with Changes Resulting From COVID-19 (National Association of School Psychologists)	https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and- publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate- safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/helping-children- cope-with-changes-resulting-from-covid-19	
Tip for parents on helping children during the COVID-19 pandemic		
Helping Kids Grieve (Sesame Street in Communities)	https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/topics/grief/	
Tips and resources for parent on helping children who lost a loved one		

Resources for Youth			
Title/Description Link			
Responding to Change and Loss (National Alliance for	https://www.chesterfield.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1552		
Grieving Children)	3/NAGC-Activity-Booklet-Responding-to-Change-and-Loss-		
	PDF?bidId=		

Activities for children and teens experiencing grief		
Guided Meditations for Teens (Mindfulness for Teens)	http://mindfulnessforteens.com/guided-meditations/	
How LGBTQ Youth Can Cope with Anxiety and Stress During COVID-19 (Trevor Project)	https://www.thetrevorproject.org/2020/03/26 /how-lgbt youth-can-cope-with-anxiety-and-stress-during-covid-19/	
NAMI Resources (NAMI-Urban Los Angeles) Various local resources for teens and families	https://www.namiurbanla.org/resources	

Additional Resource for LA County Residents		
Title/Description	Link	
Headspace	https://work.headspace.com/lacdmhresidents/member- enroll	
Mindfulness and meditation app provided for free to all LA County residents.		
Wellbeing4LA Learning Center	https://learn.wellbeing4la.org/	
Trainings to help school staff build confidence in recognizing and responding to the emotional and mental health needs of students and families.		



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COVID-19 Resources

Parents/Families | Educators | Administrators

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English | Spanish | Chinese | Korean | Vietnamese | Armenian



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Resources for Parents/Families

This document contains links to resources to assist parents and students during the school closures.

What's New (also added to appropriate content section)

- Keep Learning California (9/21)
- Everyone On Low cost internet service (updated 11/16)
- Mind Out Loud (3/29)

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PBS At-Home Learning

Visit the PBS At-Home Learning site to discover the resources available from PBS. The At-Home Learning site will provide television The site includes downloadable PBS SoCal, KCET and KLCS TV schedules, program highlights, and at-home learning tips.

Below are a couple of other resources provided by PBS.



- <u>PBS Learning Media</u>: PBS LearningMedia is a Pre K-12 FREE online library of trusted, quality, curated resources from PBS and public media stations including KQED. These digital resources include short videos, lessons and interactive games.
- <u>PBS Kids</u>: Access videos, games and activities for preschool and young students (age 2-8).
 Parents can sign up for the <u>PBS Kids Daily newsletter</u> to get daily activities and tips to help kids play and learn at home.

Wide Open School

<u>Wide Open School</u> is a collection of the resources for grades PreK-12 organized by subject and grade. In addition to learning experiences and activities for students, you will also find daily schedules with creative breaks and recommendations to keep kids engaged and exploring.



Disney Bedtime Hotline

Parents, add a touch of Disney magic to bedtime. For a limited time, call 877-7-MICKEY for a special bedtime message from Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck or Goofy



Parent/Family Support Resources

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virtual/in-person work with health and safety protections built-in, for older youth.
Youth who are not residents of the City of Los Angeles, but who live within the County of Los Angeles, may apply to the County's youth jobs program instead.
The LA County Department of Parks and Recreation is pleased to safely reopen 111 summer camp options at 50 of our parks throughout the County, for ages six years and up. Camp begins July 6, 2020. Registration is first come, first served. Scholarships are available at selected sites and weekly payment plans are available. Three, 2-week sessions (Monday through Friday): Session 1: July 6-17 Session 2: July 20-31 Session 3: August 3-14 MINI-CAMP: Offerings range from cheer, sports(non-contact), fitness, arts and crafts, eSports, and leadership. (Mon-Fri, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) FULL-DAY: Offerings range from Environment, Science, Engineering, Arts and Math (ESTEAM) and Recreation Adventures. (Mon-Fri, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with extended care availability) SPOT teen camps: FREE activities for teens offered at 11 park sites (Mon-Fri, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
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Activities for Parents and Children During the COVID-19 Quarantine	Activities and articles from First 5 LA of things that you parents and students can do. Website can be viewed in Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. (Additional activities are also available on the First 5 San Diego website.)	Preschool - 12
Resources for Families Ouring the Coronavirus Pandemic Hub Common Sense Media	You'll find articles, lists, and more on: • Learning at home and homework help • Helping kids understand COVID-19 news coverage • What to watch, read, and play • How to stay calm for you and your kids • Spanish language resources for Latinx families	K-12
10 Tips For Parents Homeschooling Young Children	A blog created by a parent to provide resources for parents on how to homeschool. Comes with suggested schedules and content specific resources for curricular needs.	K-5
How to Homeschool Your Kids in the Time of Coronavirus	With so many school systems closing nationwide, athome classrooms have become a part of daily life. Here are some stress-free ways parents can effectively educate their kids.	K-12
Keep Learning California	Designed to ensure families, caregivers and educators have the tools they need to keep children learning at home or school, whether instruction is remote, in-person, or hybrid. Includes resources on the following: • Words you need to know • What you can do • Parent/Student Rights • Questions families should ask teachers • Questions parents should ask principals	K-12

Homeschooling		
	 Questions Families with Special Needs Should Ask 	
Media Smarts	Information and activities for digital media literacy from Canada's Centre for Digital and Media Literacy	K-12
School Closures	Information for parents during COVID-19 school closures in English and Spanish. Site has a number of additional links. For other languages, use the Google Translate link.	K-12
125 Things to Do With Kids	Wellness article from Parade with 125 ideas to keep kids entertained during the Coronavirus crisis.	K-12

Health & Wellness

Below are some tips from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

How to talk to children / youth about the Coronavirus?

- Remain calm: Children will react to both what you say and how you say it. Make yourself
 available to listen and to talk. Let them know that adults at home and school are taking care of
 their health and safety.
- Maintain a normal routine: The best thing families can do is maintain a regular routine and
 practice safe hygiene. It is also important to stay connected to friends and family even if that
 means via FaceTime, Skype or other virtual technology.
- Pay attention to what children see or hear on television, radio or online: Consider reducing the amount of screen time focused on the coronavirus. Too much information on one topic can lead to fear, worry, and anxiety.

What to do if I feel scared or nervous about the Coronavirus?

- Take deep breaths! It's normal to be nervous about something that sounds scary, but don't worry, adults who love you and care for you, know what to do to keep you safe.
- Ask questions! Whenever you want to know something, ask adults like your caregiver, your teacher, school nurse or counselor.
- Keep active! Take a walk, play a game with your friends, sing a song, draw a picture, or listen to music and dance!

For more information, contact:

Department of Mental Health Helpline - 800-854-7771 or visit: dmh.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus Above websites can be viewed in multiple languages.

Health & Wellness		
Resource	Description	
Be Informed: Know Your Risk During COVID-19 • English • Spanish	Risk Assessment Chart intended as a guide, prepared by physician experts (Texas Medical Association - TMA), to help the public make smart and educated choices of activities to pursue amid the COVID-19 pandemic.	
COVID-19 Testing (Free signup)	The City of Los Angeles, in partnership with the County of Los Angeles and CORE (Community Organized Relief Effort), is providing free COVID-19 testing to ALL Los Angeles County residents, whether or not you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Website has an option to select different languages.	
COVID-19 Testing (free) <u>Logistics Health Incorporated</u>	Individuals can use this site to register for free COVID-19 testing. English/Spanish language option on website.	
California Coronavirus COVID-19 Response	California is issuing daily coronavirus updates. COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. Check this website for the latest updates and resources. English/Spanish language option on website. Use Google Translate link to translate to other languages	
California Parent & Youth Helpline	The California Parent & Youth Helpline and Online Parents Anonymous® Support Groups provide free trauma-informed, evidenced-based emotional support to Parents, Children and Youth in any language via calls, text, live chat and email. The California Parents & Youth Helpline operates 7 days a week from 8:00AM-8:00PM. Parents can Join a Weekly Online Support Group NOW through the website: caparentyouthhelpline.org. In this confidential setting, Parents address their underlying emotions and build resiliency to strengthen their family. Website has an option to select different languages.	
Coronavirus (COVID-19) FAQs	Frequently asked questions about COVID-19	
Medi-Cal Dental - COVID-19 Emergency Locations	Many Medi-Cal dentists are providing emergency dental services for Medi-Cal children and adults during the Covid-19 Safer At Home Crisis. The Department of Health Care Services has organized a listing of dentists across the state through an interactive map that are providing emergency dental care. This service is provided at no cost. What is a Dental Emergency? flyer	

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Health & Wellness	
Mind Out Loud	Wellness Together School Mental Health, in partnership with the San Diego County Office of Education and the California Department of Education will host Mind Out Loud – a free threeday virtual event on May 4-6, 2021 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. for middle and high school students to convene and boldly discuss mental health; connect with peers across California; hear from engaging speakers to become equipped with practical tools for wellness; increase mental health awareness and advocacy for themselves and friends; learn about suicide prevention; and reduce stigma associated with mental health.
My Health LA Program Fact Sheet • English • Spanish	PDF fact sheet with Information about the MyHealthLA Program – a NO-COST health care program for low-income residents of Los Angeles County who do not have health insurance.
Directory of Medical Home Clinics	This Directory of Medical Home Clinics lists Medical Home clinics and Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) Urgent Care Centers and DHS Emergency Hospitals participating in the My Health LA program. PDF document provides information in English and Spanish.
Headspace - Free Plus account for LA County residents • English • Spanish	LA County Dept of Mental Health is offering FREE subscriptions to ALL Los Angeles County residents through 2020. Access hundreds of science-backed guided meditations in English and Spanish, as well as mindfulness and sleep exercises to help address rising stress and anxiety.
My Health LA (MHLA) Program Services Agreement	PDF document with information on the 30-Day temporary waiver to extend eligibility and allow remote enrollment, re-enrollment, and renewal activities MyHealthLA videos: English Spanish
MHLA Provider Bulletin # 11 – Temporary Waiver on Enrollment	PDF document with details about the 30-Day temporary waiver that allows My Health LA (MHLA) community partner clinics to temporarily take applications by phone.
211 LA County	Resources available to all county residents to assist with health and human services. They can provide information and referrals to food pantries, food distribution sites/programs, or CalFresh food benefits if you are struggling financially to purchase food. Their COVID-19 page provides valuable information.
Student Support Services - <u>Health</u> <u>Coverage Updates</u>	PDF document with information on health care options compiled by LACOE's Health Outreach Program

Health & Wellness	
First Aid for Feelings: A Workbook to Help Kids Cope During the Coronavirus Pandemic English Spanish	Free 16-page downloadable workbook (Pre K-5) to help children, families, and educators cope during this pandemic. Available in English and Spanish. Developed by Denise Daniels, a leading child development expert, in coordination with Scholastic and the Yale Child Study Center.
California MAP to Inclusion and Belonging	Newsletter with helpful information and resources to support early learning and care providers and families during this crisis with particular emphasis on the specific needs of children with disabilities.
Daily Life and Coping	Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on how you can plan, prepare, and cope with stress before and during a COVID-19 outbreak.
Greater Good's Guide to Well-Being During Coronavirus	Practices, resources, and articles for individuals, parents, educators, and health care professionals facing COVID-19.
Helping Children Cope With Changes Resulting From COVID-19	Article from the National Association of School Psychologists with information on how to talk to children about COVID-19
How to talk with children about COVID-19	Video with helpful conversation tips when talking with children about coronavirus
Mindfulness Class for Kids	Online mindfulness classes designed with K-5 students in mind, but can be used by students and adults of all ages
Stronger Families: Healthy Pregnancies, Good Parenting, Thriving Kids	Provides information on how and where low-income families can obtain free or subsidized diapers during normal circumstances.
Talking to Kids About the Coronavirus	Advice from the experts at the Child Mind Institute about what parents and other adults can say to kids about the coronavirus.
True Connection Free Home School Activities	True Connection's innovative HiEQ Curriculum mergers Social Emotional Learning (SEL) with creative arts, mindfulness, and meditation to help students. The Home School Activities include two lessons: "Overcoming Fear" and "Love in Action".
True Connection Emotional Intelligence Resources (COVID-19)	Short videos designed to help maintain your safety, health, and well-being. Topics include self guided meditation, stress triggers, and energy levels. Website also has page with additional guided meditation videos.

Health & Wellness	
We Rise 2020	Month-long spotlight on wellbeing and healing through art, music and creative expression to help the entire Los Angeles County community. Opportunities for creativity, conversation and connection even while we remain physically apart. Let's look to hope and recovery during Mental Health Awareness Month. Let's rise together.

Social Services (Meals, Housing, Employment, etc.)		
Resource	Description	
LA Controller's COVID-19 Resource Hub	Hub gathers the latest federal, state and local data, information and services. Includes a dashboard illustrating the impact of the coronavirus on L.A. neighborhoods, along with a map showing how stimulus checks will be distributed locally, and contains hundreds of resources organized into 16 categories — for employees and job seekers, freelancers, renters, small business owners, immigrants and much more. Option to select language at bottom of page.	
LA Community Resources Guide - COVID-19	This living document is a compilation of financial, health, food, educational, housing, and other resources provided by various organizations throughout Los Angeles. Compiled by representatives from LA City Board of Public Works, LA County Department of Public Health, and Pepperdine University.	
MEALS / FOOD		
Pandemic EBT	Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits available for eligible California families. P-EBT cards began arriving around May 12, 2020. Families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals and who do not get their P-EBT card in the mail by about May 22, 2020 must apply online by July 15, 2020 at ca.p-ebt.org. Google translate option on website	
Free Summer Lunch and Snack Program (LA County Parks)	Children and youth ages 18 and under receive a "grab and go" nutritious lunch and snack that include vegetables, fruits, seeds and healthy dairy products like milk, string cheese and yogurt, at 49 locations. June 16 – August 7 (Tuesday – Friday) 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	

Let's Feed LA	This portal connects those in need to those who can help. The food-insecure can find meal and voucher programs. Community organizations can find out how to connect people to the goods that are most needed.
T.R.U.S.T. South LA - FREE Meal Distribution	Monday - Wednesday, 12pm - 2 pm 4331 S. Main St. Los Angeles, CA 90037 - 323-233-4118 First come first serve - Please wear a face mask when picking up your food.

<u>Local Resources in LA County</u> – A dedicated group of volunteers has been compiling a list of food, housing, health, transportation, and education resources for the coronavirus crisis that is divided into three general categories: children and youth, adults, and elderly. From this list, we want to highlight:

- <u>Everytable</u>: Offering FREE FOOD to EVERYONE, this includes delivering meals to seniors at their home. Call the Everytable Helpline at 323-458-6487 for questions and more information. View updates on their Instagram page
- <u>El Torito</u>: Offering FREE KIDS MEALS for children under the age of 12. View updates on their Facebook page
- Los Angeles Unified School District: Offering FREE STUDENT MEALS at 60 Grab and Go Food Centers starting Wednesday, March 18th from 7 am 10 am. View the map on website to find a location near you.
- Grocery Shopping for Seniors: ALL <u>Northgate Gonzalez Markets</u> and <u>Super A Foods</u> will offer 1
 hour that is exclusively dedicated for seniors to grocery shop only. ALL <u>Vallarta Supermarkets</u>
 will offer 1 hour that is dedicated for only seniors, disabled people and pregnant women to shop.
 Note, Northgate Gonzalez Markets offers grocery delivery services.

Healthy Eating Made Easier (Dairy Council of California)	Comprehensive compilation of school nutrition program meal sites offering free meal services to children, ages 2-18, living in communities throughout California. Broken down by counties and school districts, the drop down menu options allow self-navigation to make identifying nearby sites easier to find.
Los Angeles Department of Aging - Meals for Seniors	The Department of Aging is continuing to deliver packaged and frozen meals for older adults enrolled in their meal program. If a senior is not aware of who their meal provider is, they may call 1-800-510-2020 for assistance and, if not enrolled in the Department of Aging meal program, can call the department at 213-482-7252 to enroll. The phone line is open Monday through Sunday from 8 AM - 5 PM. Google translate option on website
Policy Update: SNAP and Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)	SNAP and Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) – a federal judge has issued an injunction blocking the rule that would require ABAWD to work at least 20 hours/week in order to qualify for SNAP for 3 months and remove state's ability to waiver these requirements.
Where to Find the Help Your Families Need	While help is available in many forms, families are challenged with navigating the resources to get the assistance they need.

	This helpful article written by CalMatters outlines topics that were covered in a webinar discussing financial help and safey nets available in California during the pandemic, with quick links directing you to resources including: · Workers rights & unemployment · Food assistance · Cash aid · Renters and homeowners · Stimulus checks · Resources for undocumented people
Garcetti Says Grocery Stores Will Continue To Be Stocked through Coronavirus	Per Mayor Garcetti, grocery stores will continue to be stocked during the coronavirus outbreak, so please avoid panic-buying or over-buying. Only take what you need, as many people are not fortunate enough to buy a 2 week supply of food at once.
HOUSING	
City of Los Angeles COVID-19 Renter Protections	Notification Form and tenant protections fact sheet are available to assist renters in notifying their landlords of payment delay(s) due to COVID-19 related issues. (Tenants are required to provide written notice of payment delay to landlords). Information is now available in English, Spanish, Armenian, Korean, Russian, and Filipino.
	Protections Fact Sheet and Notification Form in English and Spanish
City Of Los Angeles Emergency Renters Assistance Program Flyers:	The program will provide a temporary rent subsidy for tenants in the City of Los Angeles who are unable to pay rent due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program allocates \$103 million to provide a rent subsidy to City renters impacted by the COVID-19 health pandemic and is anticipated to assist 50,000 Los Angeles households. Additional English Flyer
EnglishSpanish	Applications will be accepted from Monday, July 13 at 8:00 AM through Friday, July 17 at 11:59 PM. See website for information on eligibility and to apply. Google translate option on website
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	 Cash aid Renters and homeowners Stimulus checks Resources for undocumented people
Housing Rights Center (HRC) - Virtual Services flyer: • English • Spanish • Chinese	Administering an emergency rental assistance program for LA City residents. Providing virtual services, including Housing Rights Workshops in English and Spanish. • Mondays: HRC Facebook Live Q&A • Tuesdays: Housing Rights Workshop (English) • Wednesdays: Virtual Walk in Clinic (Spanish Available) • Thursdays: Virtual Walk in Clinic (Hindi/Urdu Available) Housing Rights Workshop (Spanish) • Fridays: Virtual Walk in Clinic (Mandarin Available)
COVID-19 Renter Protections	To assist residential renters who have been economically impacted by the Coronavirus, the Mayor and the City Council have adopted tenant protections on evictions and rent increases in the City of Los Angeles. Website available in 5 languages.
Fannie Mae - Know Your Options Spanish version	Homeowners and renters across the country are experiencing the financial impacts of coronavirus, or COVID-19. Relief options from Fannie Mae for homeowners and renters. Available. Fannie Mae's Here to Help page provides links to informational flyers and additional resources.
Shelter Options in Los Angeles	PDF with information about shelters and chartered bus pickup locations
EMPLOYMENT / CAREERS	
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LA Jobs Portal	For those whose jobs have been impacted by COVID-19, this website enables unemployed and underemployed Angelenos to find and apply to job opportunities. <i>Pull-down menu available on website to select language</i> .

 Back to School for Parents Series The Challenges of Being a Parent in College Financial Aid Resources Private Student Loans Guide 	Resources to equip individuals with the tools to improve their job outlook during this unknown time. We curated the Back to School for Parents Series that includes multiple guides that delve into adult learning, financing resources, and a student loan guide. Our hope is that by making this information readily available, we can help improve and encourage more parents to go back to school.
OTHER	
Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles	To find child care in your area or get additional information, contact the agency in your zip code. The Resource and Referral agencies in the Network have free, personalized referrals to licensed child care providers. You can call the agency directly and/or you can access the online child care search.
Los Angeles Public Library	Although the physical library is closed, you can sign up for an e-card to gain access to the library's digital collection.

Phone/Internet Services		
Resource	Description	
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (cell phone options)	LAHSA has identified several resources for free and low-cost cell phone options, including the <u>California LifeLine Program</u> (California LifeLine), a state program that provides discounted home phone and cell phone services to eligible households. This fact sheet provides baseline information about these resources.	
Charter Communications	Charter announced it is expanding the eligibility for its 60-day free offer for Spectrum broadband Internet and WiFi access to include educators (K-12 teachers and college/university professors) who do not already have a Spectrum account.	
Comcast / Xfinity	Comcast Announces Comprehensive COVID-19 Response to Help Keep Americans Connected to the Internet 2 Free months of Internet offer	
Everyone On	This site allows residents to look up the best low cost offer available in their community. Eligibility Informational Flyer Eng Spa	

Resources for Immigrants

L.A. County - Information on Services to the Immigrant Community – Wednesday, 5/27, 2:30PM Representatives of the media and community organizations that serve immigrants and their families should join this press conference to learn and ask questions about food resources and wraparound services available to seniors, children and families, irrespective of their immigration status.

• YouTube: youTube: youtube.com/CountyofLosAngelesNewsroom

Facebook: <u>facebook.com/HildaSolis</u>

Twitter: twitter.com/HildaSolis

Members of the public and media can listen in by telephone:

English: (877) 873-8017, Access Code: 111111
Spanish: (877) 873-8017, Access Code: 222222
Mandarin: (877) 611-4778, Access Code: 9516097
Korean: (877) 611-4778, Access Code: 9275591

<u>Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants</u> - Beginning May 18th, one-time state-funded disaster relief assistance to undocumented adults who are ineligible for other forms of assistance, including assistance under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and pandemic unemployment benefits, because of their immigration status. Website includes links to nonprofit organizations that are available to help individuals apply for and receive disaster relief assistance in their region as well as frequently asked questions. Additional information available to the PDF document <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19) Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants</u>. *Pull-down menu available on website to select language*.

Reminders for those that are anxious about accessing healthcare or getting treatment related to the coronavirus (Covid-19)

- Coronavirus Care & Immigration (English)
- Coronavirus, Salud, Y Inmigración (Spanish)

Informational poster about Coronavirus testing and treatment

- English
- Spanish
- Korean
- Chinese
- Tagalog
- Khmer

Coronavirus frequently asked questions for immigrants

- English
- Spanish
- Korean
- Chinese
- Tagalog
- Khmer

COVID-19 Resource Guide for Immigrants in California

- **English**
- Spanish
- Tagalog

DACA Recipients Get Informed - Know Your Rights

Document outlining worker's rights and unemployment benefits to DACA recipients

Know Your Rights as an Immigrant during COVID

Document containing resources to support immigrants in the areas of health, food, worker's rights, and more.

- **English**
- Spanish

Health Consumer Center Fact sheet - Healthcare rights and the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- **English**
- Spanish

State of California Guide for Immigrant Californians

If you're an immigrant living in California, here is what you need to know to protect yourself, your family, and your community from coronavirus. Services and public benefits are available to you, some regardless of immigration status. Website is in English and Spanish. For other languages, use the

Google Translate link.



Curricular Resources (organized by subject and sorted by grade)

The Arts		
Resource	<u>Description</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>
ArtSpace ArtSpace	Daily Lesson led by a teaching artist via Instagram. Tune in to the Virtual Studio for an instructional meetup with teaching artists, self-paced mini-projects, community gatherings and arts performances,	K-12
	Mo Willems invites YOU into his studio every day for his LUNCH DOODLE. Learners worldwide can draw, doodle and explore new ways of writing by visiting Mo's studio virtually once a day for the next few weeks. Grab some paper and pencils, pens, or crayons and join Mo to explore ways of writing and making together. If you post your art to social media, be sure to hashtag it with #MoLunchDoodles!	
LUNCH DOODLES with Mo Willems!	New episodes will be posted each weekday at 1:00 p.m. ET and then remain online to be streamed afterwards.	K-12
Learning at Home BINGO	Learning at Home Bingo integrate different content areas (math, science, English language arts, etc.) across all grade levels (K-12) so that the activities are accessible for all students and support teachers' efforts.	K-12
Preschool Music & Storytime	Music & Movement Podcast. Teachers, parents and children love to move and dance to these high energy, interactive songs, stories and rhythm games.	Preschool - 1st Grade
Young Music Company YouTube Channel	Teachers use guitar, voice and a collection of hand percussion instruments as well as other teaching materials to bring the excitement and joy of music into the lives of children.	Preschool - 1st Grade
<u>Distance Learning</u> <u>Launchpad</u>	Our Distance Learning Launchpad is designed to help families and educators adapt to learning from home by sharing resources, tools, and advice to support and advance student learning and character development from home.	K-8

120 Digital Resources for Home-Schooling	Comprehensive list of resources covering a wide range of educational topics. Table of contents provided to allow selection of curricular area.	2-12
How to Draw Series	YouTube videos to teach drawing	2-8
The Lion King Experience: At Home Kids Experience (ages 3-11) JR Experience (ages 12-15)	Theater curriculum that was originally created to help schools and community groups bolster their arts education offerings. These instructions for The Lion King Experience: At Home will guide you to explore theater at home on your own (or teachers might facilitate it remotely)! Check out the instructions for the appropriate age group and have fun diving into the world of theater!	3-9
Google Arts & Culture	Museums across the world share their artwork virtually. Images, galleries, articles.	6-12
Animatic Side by Side (Sketch to Screen) clips	YouTube videos showing storyboards and their final animation	8-12
ASU Digital Prep	Online course materials for art history	9-12

English Language Arts			
Resource	<u>Description</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>	
Los Angeles Public Library IXL	Although the physical library is closed, you can sign up for an e-card to gain access to the library's digital collection. Educational tool with adaptive activities for grade-specific skills practice skills in math, language arts, science, social studies, and Spanish.	All PreK-12	
Learning at Home BINGO	Learning at Home Bingo integrate different content areas (math, science, English language arts, etc.) across all grade levels (K-12) so that the activities are accessible for all students and support teachers' efforts.	K-12	

Brainpop (Includes access to BrainPOP, BrainPOP Jr, BrainPOP ELL, BrainPOP Francais and BrainPOP Espanol)	Choose from over 1,000 short animated movies for students in grades K-12 that use quizzes, supplemental information and related materials, covering the subjects of science, social studies, English, mathematics, engineering and technology, health, arts and music. (Complete signup form for access for remainder of school year)	K-12
120 Digital Resources for Home-Schooling	Comprehensive list of resources covering a wide range of educational topics. Table of contents provided to allow selection of curricular area.	K-12
Storyline Online	Variety of illustrated children's books read by actors. Books include activity guides for parents and teachers.	K-5
KidLit TV	Read alouds by authors of various children's books.	K-5
	introduces elementary schoolers to database searching with easy-to-use resources featuring age-appropriate, reliable, curriculum-related content covering a broad range of educational topics.	w.5
Kids InfoBits	(Free during school closures)	K-5
Miacademy Learning Channel	YouTube video channel with a variety of easy to understand videos from different subject matter.	K - 5
Story Jumper	Great hands on alternative to traditional book writing. Students can create their own background for pages, sound effects, and their own voices for the story. Free online support for student-created books and access to a library of books that other students have written. Books can be purchased for download (PDF) or hardbound print versions.	K-5
	Our Distance Learning Launchpad is designed to help families and educators adapt to learning from home by sharing resources, tools, and advice to support and	
Distance Learning	advance student learning and character development	
Launchpad	from home.	PreK-5
<u>EPIC</u>	Digital library with instant access to more than 35,000 books, learning videos, quizzes and more. (Free 30-day trial)	PK – 6

p	TIME for Kids brings news and current events to young beople and provides teachers and families with valuable esources for learning. (Free access for remainder of school year)	K-6
ac ec	cholastic Learn at Home provides 20 days' worth of ctive learning journeys designed to reinforce and sustain ducational opportunities for those students who are nable to attend school.	K-8
Ac	ccess to read aloud lessons videos and novel guides. Selected resources free during school closures.)	K-8
th se kr ar	rueFlix is an online, 100% nonfiction literacy resource nat leverages Scholastic's award-winning True Book eries with related video content. Students build nowledge of subject-area content through paired videos and ebooks while sharpening important literacy skills. Free during school closures)	K-8
CC	cholastic's Home Base is a safe and fun digital ommunity for kids where kids can explore islands based in their favorite book series. Kids will love the trivia ames, live chats with authors.	3-6
Sicu	consists of daily news articles prepared by the mithsonian and others about current events, history, art, ulture and science, each available at a variety of Lexile evels.	3-6
12 le	ree collection of fiction and nonfiction passages for 3rd – 2th grade students. Search and filter collection by Lexile evel, grade, theme, genre, literary device or common ore standard.	3-12
di sc re ev	omic books for literacy, social emotional learning, and igital citizenship. Lesson plans foster self-awareness, ocial responsibility, and agency while strengthening eadership and vocabulary in as little as 10 minutes of use very Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.	
Get Media LIT (F	ree trial available until the end of the school year)	4-12

History-Social Science		
Resource	<u>Description</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>
	Learning at Home Bingo integrate different content areas (math, science, English language arts, etc.) across all grade levels (K-12) so that the activities are accessible for	
<u>Learning at Home BINGO</u>	all students and support teachers' efforts.	K-12
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<u>Amplify</u>	Access to read aloud lessons videos and novel guides. (Selected resources free during school closures.)	K-8
History Now	Online exhibitions, videos, lesson plans, and issues of the online journal History Now, which features essays by leading scholars on major topics in American history.	5-12
AP US History Study Guide	Videos, timelines, and primary sources to prepare students for AP US History Exam	11-12

Math		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>
	Teacher, parent, and learner resources grades K – 12. Includes downloadable apps to Khan Academy Kids (Early Learning) and Khan Academy providing access on various devices to games and full range of resources. The site	
Khan Academy	offers sample schedules by grade level.	K-12
	Great Minds offers the Eureka Math curriculum grade K- 12 as PDF downloads for free, non-commercial use. The curriculum is accompanied by a selection of instructional materials and support resources for teachers at no	
Great Minds	additional costs.	K-12

<u>Youcubed</u>	Youcubed is helping students at home continue to explore and learn math in rich and creative ways. They are collecting and modifying versions of their tasks to be more home-friendly, as well as some new explorations designed for learners at home.	K-12
120 Digital Resources for Home-Schooling	Comprehensive list of resources covering a wide range of educational topics. Table of contents provided to allow selection of curricular area.	K-12
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<u>Lakeshore</u>	More than 1000 free resources including clip art, flash cards, word searches, and more.	PreK-2
Curriculum Associates: Printable At-Home Learning Activity Packs	Printable at-home activity packs for grades K – 8 are designed to provide students with valuable self-directed exercises and practice during extended absences from school. Each pack is designed to reinforce key concepts for a given grade.	K-8
Curriculum Associates: Paquetes de actividades imprimibles para el hogar	Los paquetes de actividades imprimibles para el hogar están diseñados para que los estudiantes realicen ejercicios y actividades prácticas de forma autónoma durante extensos períodos de ausencia escolar. Cada paquete está diseñado para reforzar los conceptos clave y las destrezas requeridas de un grado determinado.	K-8
ST Math	It's a PreK-8 visual instructional program that leverages the brain's innate spatial-temporal reasoning ability to solve mathematical problems. Provides students with equitable access to learning through challenging puzzles, non-routine problem solving, and informative feedback. (Free through June 30. Sign up required)	PreK-8

	Teacher, family, and student resources for grade 6 – 8 provided in English and Spanish. With a free teacher created account, teachers have access to complete lessons, assessments, and downloadable resources for	
Open Up Resources	students and families.	6-8
CK-12 Top Concepts for the Month	Hand-picked lessons that are popular during the current month.	6-12
<u>Numerade</u>	Video resources for students to continue to prepare for important standardized tests such as AP and SAT. (Sign up required)	9-12

Physical Activity (PE)	
Resource	<u>Description</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>
Online Physical Education Network	Active home physical education for kids and families	Pre K- 12
CATCH Heath at Home	Google Classroom to provide free and easy access to several of CATCH's evidence-based health, nutrition, and physical education materials. These activities require limited space and supervision, and are organized into three sections: Physical Activities, Activity Breaks and Family Health and Nutrition.	K-12
Active Home	Family-friendly activities to remind families how much fun it is to spend time being active with each other. Begin moving together in your living room, garden or local park.	K-12
Ir Chargors Virtual Play50	In an effort to continue encouraging students to stay physically active for 60 minutes each day, the Los Angeles Chargers have launched the virtual Play60 platform. The Challenge will begin on May 18th and conclude on July 10th. Each week will feature a fun and creative workout video tutorials to get kids active and moving while staying safe	
<u>Jr. Chargers Virtual Play60</u> <u>Challenge</u>	at home!	K-12

	GoNoodle® engages kids with movement and mindfulness	
	videos created by child development experts. Good	
	Energy at Home provides additional activities to go along	
	with videos. Use the Get Started Now button to watch	
	videos for free. Good Energy At Home provides	
<u>GoNoodle</u>	additional activities to use at home with the videos.	K-6
	Introducing a whole new way to exercise, featuring WWE	
	Superstar Becky Lynch. Work out with these videos five	
	times a week to help you stay fit and reach your athletic	6-12
School of Strength	goals.	Adaptive PE

Science		
Resource	<u>Description</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>
	A set of resources to help students learn computer science at home. Code.org is working with Amazon and the College Board	
	to help ensure students who need laptops at home can finish their AP computer science course and take the	
	exam this year. Students can register at https://collegeboard.tfaforms.net/74 . Availability is limited on a first-come, first-served basis. Students can use the	
Code.org	laptop for the AP exam and keep it afterwards—it's theirs to inspire ongoing learning.	PreK-12
Exploratorium Learning	Make sense of timely topics and find general science support for your virtual classroom or learning together at	- 1/ 12
Toolbox	home.	PreK-12
	More than 1000 free resources including clip art, flash	
<u>Lakeshore</u>	cards, word searches, and more.	TK-5
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	grade levels (K-12) so that the activities are accessible for	
Learning at Home BINGO	all students and support teachers' efforts.	K-12
120 Digital Resources for	Comprehensive list of resources covering a wide range of educational topics. Table of contents provided to allow	
Home-Schooling	selection of curricular area.	K-12

	Web experience featuring short videos and quizzes on	
Rock the Planet - Meet the	environmental topics and a personalized completion	
<u>Defenders</u>	certificate for students.	K-6
<u>Amplify</u>	Science lessons videos for students.	K-8
National Geographic Kids	Variety of videos, resources, games, and other activities.	K-8
	Emphasis on the latest STEM thinking and the Next	
	Generation Science Standards - provides students with a	
	better understanding of science concepts and ideas	
	through hands-on projects, videos, and multiple text	
<u>ScienceFlix</u>	types.	K-8
	The SLECoP is organizing a series of webinars for parents,	
	educators, school administrators and anyone who have	
	students in their care. These webinars are intended to	
	help them with practical tips they can employ for how to	
	keep their children engaged and learning with STEM at	
STEM at Home	Home.	K-12
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	Launch rockets, build a hovercraft, create a winning	
	science fair project and more! These science, technology,	
	engineering and math activities are fun for kids, adults	
STEM Activities for Families	and the whole family. (NASA JPL)	K-12
	Learning resource tool for students, teachers, parents, and life-long learners that is developed and maintained by	
	a dedicated group of volunteers. Ask A Biologist has	
Ask A Biologist	answered more than 40,000 biology questions.	K-12
Miacademy Learning	YouTube video channel with a variety of easy to	
Channel	understand videos from different subject matter.	3-8
	Age-appropriate, topical science news for learners,	
	parents and educators. Science News for Students is a	
	publication of the Science News Media Group dedicated	
	to public engagement in scientific research and	
	education. Science News for Students — which is free to	
	use — connects the latest in scientific research to learning	
Science News for Students	in and out of the classroom.	4-12

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Career and Graduation			
Resource	<u>Description</u>	Grade(s)	
Cash for College Webinars	FREE webinar series from the California Student Aid Commission to provide information to help students and families complete the FAFSA/CADAA. Volunteers available to answer questions throughout the session via chat box (general questions only) and one-on-one assistance on the Cash for College Hotline after the webinar. (Dates: Jan 14 - Feb 25)	12	
Nepris Nepris	Nepris connects with a vast network of industry professionals to engage students in their learning and prepare them for their future. Professionals now have the opportunity to share their skills and knowledge with learners to inspire the next generation of the workforce. FREE access to our library of over 9,000 career videos through April	K-12	

Fair Opportunity Project	Helps high school students navigate the US college	9-12
	application and financial aid process through a free online	
	college access course, interactive videos, written	
	reflections, and much more.	

Early Childhood	
Resource	<u>Description</u>
Head Start resources for parents	LACOE Head Start's page with a list of engaging, fun, and educational activities to support parents while children are out of school.
<u>Starfall</u>	Reading, language, and math activities that create experiences where children can successfully learn through exploration.
	Videos, games, and art activities for young children. Visit <u>Sesame Street in Communities</u> , where we just added relevant new videos, printables and learning-at-home resources for your family! Visite <u>Sesame Street en las Comunidades</u> para recursos en español. To view Sesame Street in Communities in other languages use the
Sesame Street	Google Translate link.

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