

# Links shared during March 25 Zoom Call

## “COVID-19 in AZ: How Do We Support People with I/DD?”

- The Arc’s Federal Policy Legislation Update on COVID-19 Response for People with Disabilities: [https://youtu.be/xU26Z-IXZ\\_Y](https://youtu.be/xU26Z-IXZ_Y)
- The Arizona Department of Education’s Exceptional Student Services has developed a Special Education Guidance for COVID-19 webpage that is an extension of the main ADE Guidance to Schools on COVID-19 webpage. The ESS page contains guidance and resources related to special education for students with disabilities for Arizona’s public education agencies (districts, charters, state institutions, and secure care schools) as they navigate the COVID-19 response:  
<https://www.azed.gov/specialeducation/special-education-guidance-for-covid-19/>
- Residents of Tucson and Southern Arizona can check out this shared Google Doc for aid with basic services, including food, medical care, mental health and emergency funds for specific out-of-work industries such as restaurant workers and musicians:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1-GowmMMC-qPjOauJvry-DVjpyIE-fvHrzt3UENXwems/mobilebasic>
- Family members can be paid now to care for their children over 18. Check out the Arizona Health Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Frequently Asked Questions page for more information: <https://azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/AboutUs/covid19FAQ.html>. On March 17, AHCCCS requested permission [in a letter](#) to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to pay parents of minor children for the provision of HCBS. They are waiting for a response. Check the [AHCCCS FAQs](#) and [DDD FAQs](#) regularly for updates.
- Online classes for CPR and First Aid are now available from the American Red Cross:  
<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/online-safety-classes?latitude=33.6362&longitude=-112.0908>
- Free online fair housing training offered by the Southwest Fair Housing Council will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays in April. The sessions will cover HUD guidance released in Jan 2020 on Animals and Fair Housing: <http://swfhc.com/current-events-1>
- Arizona’s Division of Developmental Disabilities set up a site for providers and vendors about the program’s actions related to COVID-19 so far:

[https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/developmental-disabilities/vendors-providers/actions\\_related\\_to\\_covid-19](https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/developmental-disabilities/vendors-providers/actions_related_to_covid-19)

- A question and answer sheet with Frequently Asked Questions for DDD providers is here: [https://des.az.gov/sites/default/files/media/DDD\\_COVID19\\_FAQ\\_032420.pdf](https://des.az.gov/sites/default/files/media/DDD_COVID19_FAQ_032420.pdf)
- A link to all Governor Doug Ducey's Executive Orders, including the latest on COVID-19: <https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>
- Shop Safe AZ is a program that links at-risk individuals to volunteers who are willing and able to do supply and grocery shopping, as well as errands. Visit the website at <http://www.shopsafeaz.com/> to sign up as a volunteer or to request help.
- UConn Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities - social narratives, advice for parents who are weathering this storm, etc: <https://uconnucedd.org/covid-19/>
- The PDS Foundation Dentists for Special Needs is currently serving Arizona residents with developmental disabilities with dental needs. Call 602-344-9530 or [www.dentistsforspecialneeds.com](http://www.dentistsforspecialneeds.com) for more information.
- A plain language guide to explaining COVID-19 and how to stay safe by and for people with cognitive disabilities from Green Mountain Self-Advocates: [https://selfadvocacyinfo.org/resource/plain-language-information-on-covid-19/?fbclid=IwAR3SIJ7w\\_xwV9ECa-GJDvMg3psoiNIQCwSufBePYBphlhBpD-qd9h\\_iGSIM](https://selfadvocacyinfo.org/resource/plain-language-information-on-covid-19/?fbclid=IwAR3SIJ7w_xwV9ECa-GJDvMg3psoiNIQCwSufBePYBphlhBpD-qd9h_iGSIM)
- The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council is collecting useful and local resources on our website: <https://addpc.az.gov/newsroom/tips-covid-19-resources-disability-community>
- The Arizona Center for Disability Law website: <https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/>
- In addition for those that need stabilization due to mental health challenges, Haven Behavioral Health is open to help people from across the state ages 18 and over - <https://www.havenofphoenix.com/>

- A video on ideas for how parents can create a safe space at home for kids to help self-regulate:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2sYRRcEpag&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0euZjR6qIj0gf1c7Yhi9prb7F4INbFP-SFd7A6yWcKDVjmCYLkzN6I7So>
- State Senator Heather Carter and State Representative Nancy Barto invited people to share questions and concerns by sending them an email at [Hcarter@azleg.gov](mailto:Hcarter@azleg.gov) and [nbarto@azleg.gov](mailto:nbarto@azleg.gov)
- For families in need of behavioral hospitalization at this time, Aurora Behavioral Health is operating 24/7 with increased safety protocols in place for patients and staff, including for its Specialized Needs Unit; call (602) 859-0173 or email [jordan.peterson@aurorabehavioral.com](mailto:jordan.peterson@aurorabehavioral.com) for more information.
- The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona has listed COVID-19 resources for local individuals, families, nonprofits and businesses: <https://cfsaz.org/covid19>
- The Arizona Community Foundation is also providing nonprofits grant support to help with strain on finances and increased demand - more info here: <https://www.azfoundation.org/GrantsLoans/COVID-19ResourcesforNonprofits.aspx>
- Raising Special Kids, the free Parent Training and Information Center for Arizona, is still supporting parents and accepting referrals for guidance and support. You can call 602-242-4366 or visit its COVID-19 resources page: <https://m.raisingpecialkids.org/blog/2020/covid-19-resources>