



# COVID-19 Resources for Parents of Children with Intellectual or Other Developmental Disabilities

The STRYDD Center - Supporting Trauma Recovery for Youth with Developmental Disabilities

Long Island Jewish Medical Center, Northwell Health

## ACCESS TO INTERNET, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES

#### **Staying Connected**

- Everyoneon.org: Options for Free or Low-Cost Internet and Computers by Zip Code
- Also check for computer or iPad loans through your local school district

### **Dealing with Medical Needs**

- Center for Pediatric Traumatic Stress Healthcare Toolbox: Tips for Parents of Children with Existing Medical Needs (available in English and Spanish)
- National Health Law Program: Access to Prescription Drugs
- US Office of Civil Rights: March 2020 Statement about Nondiscrimination in COVID-19
   Medical Treatment

#### **Access to Education and Other Services**

Access to some services may be limited for a period of time by "stay at home" orders and school closures.

- For home-based services, please check with your service providers about what services are available in your home, and what remote (internet-based) options might be available.
- For services provided through a school program (such as through an IEP), there is great variability in what is being provided (as is also the case with general education). Please check with your school district or early intervention programs about what is currently available.
- For guidance on your rights, please see The Department of Education Individuals with Disability Act (IDEA) website. Policy statements may change over time, but specific guidance as of March 2020 includes:
  - March 16 Statement from DOE Office of Civil Rights
  - Q&A on Services for Children with Disabilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic
  - March 21 Supplemental Guidance Address Rights of Children with IEPS and 504 Services During COVID 19 Pandemic

- National Center for Learning Disabilities has provided information on both rights and practical strategies concerning improving on-line learning for youth with disabilities including:
  - Parent Resources
  - Educator Resources
  - Young Adults/Transition Age Youth Resources
- MEDIUM Article from Computer Science for All: Education Accessibility for Children with Disabilities during COVID-19 Crisis discusses tips for parents trying to facilitate learning for children with disabilities using online resources including ones your child's school may have provided.