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Nevada PEP celebrates 25 years of helping Nevada families!

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## Special Education – What You Need to Know

On August 19th at 10:00am, Nevada PEP will collaborate with Nevada Legal Services on an important webinar to provide families with useful information. Learn how Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) determine the special education, supports, and services that will be provided to ensure students with disabilities are able to make progress during this pandemic. [Click Here](#) to register.

## WHAT'S NEW IN SCHOOL?



### Special Education in a Pandemic

As we think about the upcoming school year, it is important to remember that special education is designed to meet the unique needs of the individual student. Schools will need to be flexible and sensitive to family circumstances. Being creative and working collaboratively with families will help to ensure student success. For more information [Click Here . . .](#)

### Back to School Decision Making Tools

When weighing decisions about your child returning to school, it is important to consider your family's unique needs. The questions in these [tools](#) are designed to help you weigh the risks and benefits of available educational options before you make decisions. Parents may also want to use the tools to make their views, concerns, and suggestions known to school administrators.

### Helping with Anger in Young Children

These are challenging times for children, many young children may not understand completely what is going on when it comes to COVID 19. They may be angry because they can't have playdates or go to birthday parties. [Tucker Turtle](#) is a terrific turtle who has great tips for learning how to control anger in young children. It is a great short story to read and has some great turtle technique tips for parents

### Prodigy: Kids Math Game App

Prodigy delivers a unique learning experience through an interactive math game where success depends on

correctly answering skill-building math questions. Amazing pets, epic battles and ... math practice? That's Prodigy, the no-cost math game where kids can earn prizes, go on quests and play with friends — all while learning math.

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Prodigy: Kids Math Game App, By: ProdigyGame.com

## Why Wearing a Mask is Important?

The [CDC](#) is recommending everyone wear a face mask (except for children under 2). To get kids familiar with wearing a face mask, you can make it part of a superhero “costume” and make it fun. This is a great article to help children be comfortable wearing a mask, [super heroes wear masks](#). Here is some [helpful tips](#) for parents.

## Fun Games

It is important for children to remain social during this pandemic. Kids can still play with and keep six feet apart while they play. Check out these [social distancing games](#) to keep kids happy. Happy Clicks is interactive online games designed especially for [babies](#), [toddlers](#), and [preschool kids](#) with brightly-colored effects. Parents can enjoy playing these with their children.

## Military-Connected Children News

### Tricare Liaison to Help Familie

To help families with special needs get the most benefit out of their healthcare coverage, the Department of Defense Office of Special Needs has added a TRICARE liaison to their growing team. The liaison helps families navigate TRICARE to find the information and services they need. You can request an appointment through your installation EFMP Family Support staff or Military OneSource's [Exceptional Family Member Program Resources, Options and Consultations](#), or EFMP ROC.

## PEP Webinars

These webinars allow you to take a short break to get the information you need without leaving your home or work. Click the links below to get a description and register for these amazing webinars.

- Presented by Nevada PEP

### [How is My Child Reading?](#)

Wednesday, August 12, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

### [Help Your Child Focus on Learning](#)

Friday, August 14, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

### [Introduction IEP's- Virtual Style](#)

Tuesday, August 18, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

[Introducción al Curso del IEP](#)

Friday, August 21, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

[Considering College? Learn What's Available and How to Get It](#)

Thursday, August 27, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

[Six Advocacy Tips that Turn No's into Yes's!](#)

Friday, August 28, 10:00am - 11:00am



### Connecting Kids Across Nevada

A majority of Nevada's public-school students will start the school year distance learning, but not all Nevada students have access to the equipment they need to succeed in a virtual classroom. [Connecting Kids](#) wants to connect every student with reliable internet and devices. Families who do not have internet connection or a device, can call the Family Support Center at 888-616-2476. Connecting Kids wants to ensure that all children are set up for success by the first day of school. For more information go to [FAQ](#).

### Statewide Family Network Update

As we approach the start of the 2020-2021 school year, the Statewide Family Network is continuing to monitor school reopening plans and have identified community resources for parents who need child care during the school week. In Southern Nevada, Safe Key will offer thirteen [School Daze](#) program sites and the [Boys and Girls Club of Southern NV](#) will also offer child care and distance learning support for working families. In Northern Nevada, [Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows](#) has 32 sites for child care and distance learning support.

### Helpful Tips for Distance Learning

The coronavirus has created significant challenges for families. This has left many parents feeling confused and overwhelmed, with many unanswered questions. Here are [eight helpful tips](#) to prepare your child for distance learning at home. Distance learning for most children is a new experience, this [family guide to at-home learning](#) offers some great strategies for parents to use. Also available in [Spanish](#).

### Youth M.O.V.E. Nevada Update

Happy August, everyone! Youth MOVE Nevada hopes you are doing well. Our team has been busy hosting two virtual meetings each month, now with staggered times. The first Tuesday of the month will have meetings beginning at 3:30 pm and the third Tuesday will have meetings beginning at 5:00 pm. We have also continued to release episodes of our podcast where we discuss subjects like mental health and youth advocacy! We encourage you to check out our website to learn where you can listen to episodes. For more information about YMNV or to become a member to get involved in future meetings and activities, be sure to check out our [website](#) and don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#),

[Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)

## Hero Elementary

The U.S. Department of Education (ED's) Ready to Learn Television grants debuted a new PBS show, [Hero Elementary](#) teaches kids about science, designed for children 4 to 7 to think like scientists to solve problems and social issues, touching on kindness and empathy. This show offers more awareness, acceptance, inclusion, and appreciation for people with disabilities. View an episode on [YouTube](#).

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