



# Special Edition

## Parents Newsletter

*Resources for parents and child caregivers*

### ASL CAMPFIRE STORIES

Every Tuesday night at 7:00pm

To get the link, e-mail: [aslenglishvirtualacademy@gmail.com](mailto:aslenglishvirtualacademy@gmail.com)

More information can be found on their Instagram page:

[@aslenglishvirtualacademy](https://www.instagram.com/aslenglishvirtualacademy).



### ASL STORY ACTIVITY



Click [here](#) for a fun activity that goes with the book:  
*The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?*

The story is in ASL along with words for the books.

### SUCCESS FOR KIDS WITH HEARING LOSS

This website has resources for teachers and parents of deaf and hard of hearing students: special education laws, advocacy and learning.

Click [here](#) to go to the website.



### MORE RESOURCES



- Family Information Center - click [here](#).
- Signwise for Kids - click [here](#).



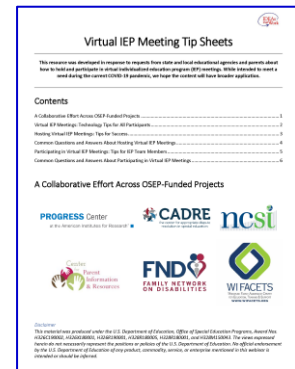
Click [here](#) for resources and best practices for learning online.

## VIRTUAL IEP MEETING TIPS

A guide for Educators and Parents about setting up and being involved in “virtual” individualized education program (IEP) meetings.

### Including:

- Technology tips
- Tips for success
- Common questions



**Be Patient.**



**Set up your meeting space.**



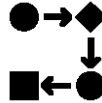
**Test Out Technology.**



**Turn off your computer notifications.**



**Have a Back-up Plan.**



**Keep it confidential!**



**Join Early!**



**Actively listen and participate.**



**Use headphones with a built-in microphone.**



*See attached PDF for complete document.*





## Bright Spots and Innovations Related to COVID-19

*The National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM)* and *Hands & Voices/Family Leadership in Language and Learning (H&V/FL3)* are collaborating to provide information about how EHDI programs across the United States are successfully providing essential services to young children who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH) and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. This information will be released in a series of free webinars and online information in support of *May 2020 Better Hearing and Speech Month*.



The webinars—all of which highlight creative and effective solutions to delivering successful services to young children who are D/HH and their families during COVID-19—will be presented during the month of May.

### Information/Registration

More info and registration for webinars can be found at [infanthearing.org](http://infanthearing.org)

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## Featured Webinars (60-minute presentation and Q&A)

Tuesday  
May 12  
3:30 pm (EDT)

**Practical Considerations in EHDI Program Delivery During COVID-19**

*Kim Cavitt*

Thursday  
May 14  
1:00 pm (EDT)

**Ensuring Ongoing Access to High-Quality Early Intervention Services Through Telepractice**

*Kristina Blaiser*

## Coffee Break Webinars

(10- to 15-minute presentation and Q&A—maximum 45 minutes)

Wednesday  
May 13  
1:00 pm (EDT)

**Real-Life Moments at Home During COVID-19: Supporting Language and Communication for Children Who Are Deaf/Hard of Hearing**

*Janet DesGeorges (Hands & Voices)*

Tuesday  
May 19  
1:00 pm (EDT)

**Supporting Emotional Health and Resilience During COVID-19**

*Elizabeth Seeliger (Global Impact Audiology)*

Wednesday  
May 20  
1:00 pm (EDT)

**Partnering With Primary Care Providers and Midwives to Provide Newborn Hearing Screening and Rescreening During COVID-19**

*Linda Hazard & Stacy Jordan (Vermont EHDI)*

Friday  
May 22  
1:00 pm (EDT)

**Innovative Delivery of Family-to-Family Support During COVID-19**

*Lisa Kovacs (Hands & Voices)*

Thursday  
May 28  
1:00 pm (EDT)

**Supporting and Enhancing Earliest Interactions During COVID-19**

*Karen Hopkins & Amy Spencer (Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing)*

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