Family Resources for Virtual and Hybrid Special Education

❖ VDOE: COVID-19 Resources for Parents, Families, and Caregivers
Virginia Department of Education webpage for families that is continually updated with critical COVID-19 information and resources for families with students with disabilities.

❖ MCPER: "Helping Your Kid With..." Videos for Families
The Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk (MCPER) provides videos to help families use effective practices to teach students at home due to COVID-19. Topics covered include: early language and literacy, building vocabulary and comprehension, activity transitions, cooperating with difficult tasks and many more.

❖ IRIS Module: Parents: Supporting Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic
This module offers tips for family members to support children learning at home during the COVID-19 pandemic and answers questions such as: “what is my role, how can I support my child socially and emotionally, and how can I found out what my child should be learning?”

❖ Formed Families Forward: Webinar Recordings and Accompanying Materials
Formed Families Forward, a partner organization with Virginia Tiered Systems of Supports (VTSS), provides relevant pandemic specific webinars on topics such as: “Learning at Home in a Trauma Sensitive Environment,” “Our Shared Space – A Home and Virtual Classroom,” “Supporting Positive Behaviors during Learning at Home,” “Planning the High School Transition to Post-Secondary Education,” and “Getting Ready to Help Your Child Learn at Home.”

❖ Assistive Technology Network, VDOE: Virtual Therapy Webinars
Topics include: “Exploring Platform Options for Virtual Therapies,” “Coaching Facilitators to Maximize Virtual Therapy Sessions,” “Interactive Activities to Keep Students Engaged During Virtual Therapy Sessions,” and a downloadable Virtual Learning and Accommodations Guide

For additional excellent resources visit the VA Family Special Education Connection and TTAC Online