



Virginia Department of Education Training & Technical Assistance Center  
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# Resource Spotlight

*A resource brief to support virtual professional learning for division partner staff and families*

## 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 find 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](#)

