May 2020 Newsletter

WarmLine Family Resource Center is a non-profit organization serving families of children with disabilities from birth to 26 years old.

Visit Our Website

We're Still Here to Help!
WarmLine continues to be a resource for families during the shelter-in-place order. If you have questions about your child's development, Early Intervention services or special education, we can help. Please call 916-455-9500 and leave a message or send an e-mail to warmline@warmlinefrc.org. WarmLine staff will get back to you within 1-3 business days.

We miss our WarmLine families & look forward to seeing you soon! Stay well.

Online FAQs with Kristin Wright, California State Director of Special Ed.
Please join the California Parent Centers as Kristin Wright answers frequently asked questions from families raising children with special needs about the COVID-19 impact on services, working with IEP teams, and student progress while sheltering-in-place.

Monday, May 4 from 7-8 pm Reserve your seat!

Support WarmLine on Big Day of Giving (BIG DOG)
WarmLine is participating in the annual 24-hour online giving challenge, BIG DOG. Make a donation between 12 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. May 7, 2020 and you will help fund sibling workshops, activities for older youth, leadership training for parents and MORE.

Here is some important information regarding this year's giving challenge:
- The direct link to our donation page is https://www.bigdayofgiving.org/warmline.
- WarmLine's page is already ACTIVE and you may go there to create a fundraiser on behalf of WarmLine anytime before May 6.
- You may make an EARLY DONATION which will count toward our Big Day of Giving totals! (Consider making any gifts early, especially if you want to give as part of the #GivingTuesdayNow effort on Tuesday, May 5.)
- Giving with a Golden One Credit Union card will help boost your gift!
- Share, share, share with your networks!

Stay Connected - Now More Than Ever!
WarmLine hosts TWO Facebook groups where families of children with delays and disabilities can connect with each other, share information and ideas in English & Spanish. We also post information on Facebook & Instagram. We update posts several times weekly! Watch for posts about our virtual community "chats".

Wow! Baby Signs Webinar!
A fun, interactive webinar designed for parents of children who are pre-verbal, non-verbal or just starting to talk. Get started using signs. We'll teach you over 20 signs and how to
incorporate them into your daily routine. You'll learn some songs and stories with accompanying signs to use as you sing and read to your child.

Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 2:00 pm Register: https://babysignswebinar1or2.eventbrite.com

Welcome to Our "New" Newsletter
For several years, we have provided two newsletters - a "family" newsletter and a "special education" newsletter. To appeal to a wider group of readers, we have taken the "plunge" and are now combining the two. We hope you like the change and find the newsletter more informative than ever!

Questions about IHSS, Medi-Cal and SSI during the coronavirus shutdown?
Disability Rights California will present a webinar on May 6 from 6-7 pm. Click here for more information and to register.

Shop Online with Your CalFresh EBT Card
Visit these special links to shop online at Amazon and Walmart using your CalFresh EBT card. You can order food that you would normally buy with your EBT card in person and select “home delivery.”

For information about CalFresh and how to apply for it: https://tinyurl.com/yavvhcdb
For EBT online frequently asked questions: https://tinyurl.com/y9fncten
You can visit GetCalFresh.org to apply or call 1-877-847-3663 to be connected to your local county social service office.

COVID-19 Emergency Childcare Funding in El Dorado County

Resources - Getting Through This Together
All Ages: Loving Yourself as You Are (There's No Such Thing as a Perfect Parent)
All Ages: Talking with Children: Tips for Parents and Teachers...
0-6 Years: Why Are People Wearing Masks?
3-8 Years: Angelina the Cat Stays Home
Elementary School: Comic Exploring the Coronavirus
 Teens: Supporting Teenagers and Young Adults During the Coronavirus Crisis

Special Education News
California Department of Education (CDE) has issued special education guidance to school districts for Local Education Agencies (LEAs), during school closures. If you have questions about your child's special education services, we're here to help. Please contact us at http://www.warmlinefrc.org/contact-us.html or call 916-455-9500.

Are Your Kids (and You) Bored? Ours Are Too!
- 20 Learning Activities to Keep Kids Busy from Understood.
- Tired of chalk art? Make your own "chalk paint"!
- Science Experiments for Kids (You'll love them, too.)
- DIY joke book for kids.
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