



Weekly Memo

Action Items

The Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) and the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) Parents and Families Webinar Sessions

FDLRS has partnered with CARD to offer multiple statewide webinars on providing accommodations in a virtual environment and setting up an asynchronous learning environment for educators; multiple sessions for parents on coping with the current situation, reducing stress for you and your child, setting up a positive learning environment; and specialized sessions for educators and parents for students on the autism spectrum. The Simplified Learning webinar is on **March 31, 2020**; ABC's of Behavior webinar is on **April 6, 2020**; and the Anxious Child webinar is on **April 16, 2020**. For more information, including registration links, see the attached flyer or go to <http://www.fdlrs.org/>.

- Filename: Parent LL CARD Webinars

Florida Professional Association of Staffing Specialists (FLPASS) 35th Annual Conference—Cancelled

As a result of the declared state of emergency, per the Governor's Executive Order 20-51, resulting from the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, The FLPASS has announced that this conference, previously scheduled for **April 22-24, 2020**, has been **cancelled**. Information on the rescheduling of this conference will be shared when possible. For more information on the FLPASS conference, contact Kristen Endris (FL-PASS President) at kristen.endris@sdhc.k12.fl.us.

Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities Contacts and the Healthy Minds & Healthy Futures Conference—Postponed

The contact meeting for district Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities contacts and the Healthy Minds & Healthy Futures Conference, previously scheduled for **May 4-6, 2020**, have been **postponed**. Information will be provided when these events are rescheduled. For questions contact Jennifer Barnhill at Jennifer.Barnhill@fldoe.org.

2019-2020 Outstanding School Volunteer Award Winners

The Florida Department of Education has issued the following memorandum regarding the 2019-2020 Outstanding School Volunteer award winners. The memorandum may be viewed at <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8864/dps-2020-40.pdf>.

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PARENTS & FAMILIES WEBINAR SESSIONS

The Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) has partnered with the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) to provide three parent sessions.

Each session has a unique registration link.

Simplified Learning (for students on the spectrum or have special needs)

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Date: March 31, 2020

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm EST

Location: Virtual Webinar (link will be provided at registration)

REGISTER FOR THIS SESSION: [BIT.LY/2UK23M3](https://bit.ly/2UK23M3)

This presentation is designed for the parents of children of any age who are Early Language Learners. Simplified Learning is an opportunity for parents and children to learn about language milestones, general descriptions of language disorders, and to learn how to utilize common, low or no cost items to help support language development. Suggestions for how to make and use toys or developmental activities using common items such as: Play-Doh, pasta, measuring cups/spoons, boxes, brushes, etc. will be presented. This presentation strives to empower parents as they have a unique opportunity to enrich and promote language, fine motor, and gross motor development with their children without any fancy toys, gadgets, or screens.

The ABC's of Behavior

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Date: April 6, 2020

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm EST

Location: Virtual Webinar (link will be provided at registration)

REGISTER FOR THIS SESSION: [BIT.LY/2R0UHSV](https://bit.ly/2R0UHSV)

This presentation will cover the basics of behavior for early learners. Topics will include understanding functions of behavior, determining functions of behavior to plan targeted interventions, and taking basic data on behaviors to be increased or decreased. Strategies to address common behavioral challenges such as aggression, communication, waiting, maladaptive attention-seeking, and task completion will be discussed. This presentation is aimed at making the underlying philosophies of Applied Behavior Analysis understandable and applicable in real life for parents, teachers, and therapist.

The Anxious Child (for students with disabilities)

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Date: April 16, 2020

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm EST

Location: Virtual Webinar (link will be provided at registration)

REGISTER FOR THIS SESSION: [BIT.LY/2UG5FAM](https://bit.ly/2UG5FAM)

This presentation will provide attendees with a detailed review of anxiety and anxiety related symptoms in children and adolescents. The presenter will discuss behaviors that are often common in anxiety disorders and recommend what parents should do if they are concerned about their child's emotional state as it relates to anxiety disorders. Additional strategies and easy to implement techniques to use when working with, or raising a child or adolescent with anxiety or anxiety related symptoms. All strategies can be implemented both at school and home.