

The BAE Family Connection



Dear BAE Family,

This Memorial Day, we join together to celebrate our Country and those who fight for our freedom, honor the brave soldiers who lost their lives in battle, and strengthen our collective resilience to overcome adversity. The past couple of weeks have marked a turning point in our Country's response to the coronavirus pandemic. Across the nation, towns have begun lifting some of the stay-at-home restrictions as the Country's phased re-opening plans are underway. We are seeing a glimmer of hope that COVID-19 may be on a decline and that this summer could bring about transformation back to something that resembles life in its pre-pandemic form.

As Behavior Specialists providing essential healthcare for at risk populations, BAE has a special responsibility in these times to continue our operations. Yet, we also share an important obligation to slow the spread of the disease, which requires minimizing person to person contact. Towards the end of March, the rate of infection was on a steep incline and BAE made the difficult decision to transition out of homes and continue our operations within a telehealth service delivery model. We took that time to adapt our services to a direct tele-therapy model and develop a **safety protocol** to prepare us to safely resume in person services with protections in place for the safety of our clients and staff.

Now, almost 2 months later, we are pleased to share that BAE is offering a range of program designs to best support each family's unique needs. Many of our clients are benefitting from teletherapy services while they continue social distancing for a little while longer. We also have many clients who have resumed in-home direct services and others who are accessing a combination of in-home and teletherapy services. You can check out our safety practices [HERE](#). Please contact us if with any questions or service delivery requests.

We are hearing from families about the challenges with distance learning and we want you to know that we are here to help. If you haven't already, I encourage you to talk with our team about your child's school experience during distance learning. There may be some ways that we can assist through consultation and prep-work, modifications and accommodations, and coordination with the school team. In some situations, in-home support may be needed to help your child access their education during this remote model of learning. Our team can explore funding options with you when necessary and help to navigate those conversations with our partners in case management.

Hope you and your loved ones are doing well, staying healthy, and remembering to embrace the good.

Take good care,

Barbara Endlich, Psy.D, BCBA-D
BAE Founder and Chief Clinical Officer

Family Resources



Free PPE for Families! California is supplying over two million masks and 3,600 gallons of hand sanitizer to be distributed to people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their families. If you live in California and qualify for this free resource, contact your local State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) regional office to request Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for your family.

- Los Angeles County contact Julie.Eby-McKenzie@scdd.ca.gov
- Orange County contact orangecounty@scdd.gov
- San Bernardino and Riverside County contact sanbernadino@scdd.ca.gov

California State Budget Cuts were released by Governor Newsom announcing additional cuts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars that were going to fund school districts and regional center services. The impact of these cuts on education and therapeutic services will be massive. This is coming at a time when the state was already facing major budget shortages in the upcoming year.

Our representatives in Congress need to hear your voice. To advocate for federal assistance, reach out to your state legislators and request their support in funding extra federal dollars to address these budget deficits. Click **HERE** and enter your zip code to find the contact information for your representative. They are always happy to hear from their constituents and often write a nice response to anyone who reaches out.

Check out our Family Resources page on the BAE website for helpful resources such as

- Quick link to the Parent Portal on Central Reach
- Distance learning resources
- Activities to supplement a stay-at-home schedule
- Mental health and coping during the pandemic