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NEW!  Connecting Families of Individuals with Deaf-Blindness during the COVID-19 Pandemic:  The Family 2 Family Communities (F2FC) project is offering a series of drop-in zoom meetings for families to connect and support one another. Any family member of an individual with deaf-blindness is welcome to participate. You do not need to be previously registered with F2FC- all are welcome!  As of today (March 24) meetings are scheduled for March 26 & April 9, Thursdays at 2PM EDT/1pm CDT/ 12pm MDT /11am PDT&MST for 90 minutes March 31 & April 14, Tuesdays at 7pm EDT/6pm CDT/5pmMDT/4pmPDT&MST for 90 minutes.  For more information download this flyer [Connecting Families of Individuals with Deaf-Blindness during the COVID-19 Pandemic.](file:///C:\Users\sddurham\AppData\Local\Temp\images\files\F2FC_5_drop-in_flyer.pdf)

Maravillosas familias, Myrna Medina y el equipo de California Deafblind Services han invitado amablemente a cualquier familia de habla hispana con niños o adultos sordociegos a sus llamadas telefónicas diarias.  Estas son una gran oportunidad  de conexión y apoyo. Esta llamadas se realizaran diariamente a partir del Lunes 30 de Marzo del 2020.   Aquí esta el enlace para la reunión de Zoom.  Tema: Llamadas en Español  Hora:  6:00 PM hora central  (US y Canadá) Cada semana, Lunes, Martes, Miércoles, Jueves y Viernes hasta el 11 de Mayo del 2020, 31 eventos.  Zoom Meeting  
[https://sfsu.zoom.us/j/741989383](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nfadb.org%2FEmailTracker%2FLinkTracker.ashx%3FlinkAndRecipientCode%3DoZqelmwjTj8vwTTeaudgF1vdcksm%252bI%252b%252bF5127pvVQWErNnRGRGqmucAY%252fBDmFpfFGWCd1UBEAIw53Tg5zOVCOTgU8GZzEaICWmWNy%252fZ2RmU%253d&data=02%7C01%7Cmclyne%40philiprockcenter.org%7C260a5abe38c748a5727808d7d0c218d9%7Cc123f6b5150f4d6594824121a694ca96%7C0%7C0%7C637207404376590817&sdata=7hmycFc5q1Y28%2F%2B6ruO%2BtK22puyFUsQKrlV27c1z5Hg%3D&reserved=0)  Meeting ID: 741 989 383  Si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en llamar a Myrna a  [myrnam@sfsu.edu](mailto:myrnam@sfsu.edu)

[Sign Language During Social Distancing](file:///C:\Users\sddurham\AppData\Local\Temp\images\files\NYDBC_Tip_Sheet_-_Sign_Language_during_Social_Distancing.pdf)  Thank you to the New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative (NYDBC) for sharing this practice- and policy-based tips sheet that summarizes strategies and other points to consider while hosting online meetings and presentations, and addresses face-to-face interpreting issues during shelter in place orders.

**Dear strong, wonderful, resourceful families,**

We know you've got this - you teach and care for your children every day.  But in case you would like an idea, a bit of positive information or a friendly email or phone exchange in the next few weeks, Project Reach is open for business.  We will be posting information here including ["How Do I Talk With My Child with DeafBlindness About COVID19"](file:///C:\Users\sddurham\AppData\Local\Temp\images\files\How_do_I_talk_with_my_child_with_DeafBlindness_about_COVID19_2_pm.docx) (Based on the NIH/CDC article), ["Sign Language Signs You May Want to Know"](file:///C:\Users\sddurham\AppData\Local\Temp\images\files\SIGNS_YOU_MAY_WANT_TO_KNOW.docx), ["Resources to Teach Hand Washing to Children Who are DeafBlind"](file:///C:\Users\sddurham\AppData\Local\Temp\images\files\Hand_washing_resources.docx) (videos and songs, info graphics, activity calendar information), a [COVID19 social story](https://bit.ly/2IMYz4O) from Easterseals and the Illinois Autism Partnership (to help calm students who are worried) (also available in [Spanish](https://www.yumpu.com/es/document/view/63152201/mi-cuento-de-coronavirus)) and daily Home Learning Activities section specifically selected for Project Reach student (added below).  Come back often, and please take us up on our invitation to call 630-790-2474 or email [mclyne@philiprockcenter.org](mailto:mclyne@philiprockcenter.org) or, email or call your [DeafBlind Specialist](file:///C:\Users\sddurham\AppData\Local\Temp\index.php%3foption=com_content&view=article&id=103&Itemid=747) or [Bilingual Family Engagement Coordinator.](file:///C:\Users\sddurham\AppData\Local\Temp\index.php%3foption=com_content&view=article&id=104&Itemid=748)