



NAPSEC Update:

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President signs \$2 trillion coronavirus relief package

President Trump signed the massive bill, dubbed the CARES Act, hours after it passed the House. The package provides hundreds of billions of dollars for the industries, small businesses, unemployed workers and health care providers hit hardest by the coronavirus pandemic, which has devastated economies around the world.

OSERS issues FAQs on WIOA Performance Accountability

Today, the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services' Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) announced the U.S. Department of Education [has released an initial frequently-asked questions document related to implementing performance accountability provisions under title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\)](#) as State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies seek to provide continuity of operations for individuals with disabilities in the COVID-19 environment. **Administration for**

Children and Families: Resources

The ED-funded [Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center](#) has developed a [COVID-19 webpage](#) and is serving as a **hub for resources on tele-intervention and distance learning for states and local programs serving infants, toddlers, and preschool children with disabilities** and their families. ECTA is available to provide technical assistance to IDEA Part C and Part B, section 619 programs during this national emergency.

Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center: Resources

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS), [Office of Head Start](#) (OHS) and [Office of Child Care](#) (OCC) posted a number of **resources on COVID-19 for programs serving young children**. The [OHS resources](#) and the [OCC resources](#) highlight strategies that programs can use to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including hygiene tips, and coordinate with local health agencies. They also have information on flexibilities that can be applied to **grant programs and spending** that can be used at this time.

Funding Opportunity: Model Demonstration Projects to Develop Coaching Systems

The Department of Education announced a Notice Inviting Applications for a new funding opportunity, Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities—Model Demonstration Projects to Develop Coaching Systems ([CFDA 84.326M](#)). Projects funded would provide support to professionals to collaborate with early learning and early intervention programs, schools, districts, and state agencies to establish the infrastructure, personnel skills, and processes necessary for an effective and sustainable coaching system. More information can be found on [Grants.gov](#). Applications are due on **May 4**. (edited)