



# Connecticut State Department of Education **Professional Support Series for Families**

Please see below and join as we learn together and grow together.

Series 22 – February 16, 2021

## **A Virtual Conversation Series for Parents and Families on Supporting Children's Learning during COVID-19**

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is hosting a series of virtual conversations for parents and other caregivers who are managing children's learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. This series is a follow-up to a statewide town hall on December 8th where over 400 attendees asked questions and offered comments and suggestions that were used to inform the sessions below.

This conversation series is tailored to families, but educators and community members are welcome to attend. You may register for any or all of the sessions.

After registering for each session, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the webinar. Sessions will be recorded and made available on the CSDE web site for those who are not able to attend in person. If you cannot attend but want to be notified when the recording is available, you can indicate that on the registration form.

**Sessions will be recorded and posted online with closed captioning in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Arabic. Everyone registered for any session in the series will receive notice when sessions are posted.**

### **Planning for Return to School in Fall 2021: Young Children in PreK, Kindergarten, and Grade 1**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021

**Time:** 5:30–6:30 p.m.

It is not too early to start planning for young children's transition to school next fall. Along with the excitement of starting a new school year, remote learning during COVID-19 is presenting families with many questions. This session will focus on parents' concerns about supporting children's early learning, developmental skills, and social and emotional well-being. It will also feature new, free resources in CT to help families support young children's development at home, and some information to think about as your child transitions to school in the fall.

**Presenters:**

- Andrea Brinnel, Early Childhood Consultant & IDEA 619 Part B Manager, CSDE
- Jennifer Michalek, K-12 Math Education Consultant, CSDE
- Amanda Pickett, School Climate Consultant, CSDE
- Joanne White, Literacy/English Language Arts Consultant, CSDE

**Register:** <https://ctserc.net/families223>

### **Special Education during COVID-19: Resources, Supports and Best Practice Strategies**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021

**Time:** 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Changes in instructional delivery models (In-person, Hybrid, Remote) have been particularly challenging for families whose children receive special education services. This session will provide answers to families' frequently asked questions about special education and educational programming for children with disabilities during COVID-19. The CSDE will be sharing information along with best practice strategies and resources from the CT Parent Advocacy Center.

**Presenters:**

- Bryan Klimkiewicz, Special Education Division Director, CSDE
- Andrea Brinnel, Early Childhood Consultant & IDEA 619 Part B Manager, CSDE
- Jane Hampton-Smith, Co-Executive Director, CT Parent Advocacy Center

**Register:** <https://ctserc.net/families216>

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## Strategies for Parents and Families to Support Academic Success during Remote Learning

**Date:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021

**Time:** 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Parents and other caregivers have been navigating new models of in-person and remote learning during the pandemic. These disruptions in children's schooling have left many families with questions about issues such as learning loss, instructional time with teachers, engaging students and keeping them motivated, amount of screen time and navigating online platforms. This session will provide answers to these common questions and others about supporting student success in remote learning. New remote learning resources that are freely available to learners and families will also be featured.

**Presenters:**

Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, and members of the CSDE Academic Office

**Register:** <https://ctserc.net/families309>

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## Auto-cuidado y el Aprendizaje Socio-Emocional para Padres y Cuidadores

*Taller sera solo en español. Repetido en inglés el 6 de abril. (Session will be presented only in Spanish. Repeated in English on April 6.)*

**Fecha:** Martes, 23 de marzo de 2021

**Hora:** 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Navegar el aprendizaje remoto durante la pandemia ha sido un desafío para los estudiantes y para sus familias. Muchos padres tienen que manejar las preocupaciones de sus hijos, y al mismo tiempo hacer malabares cambios de empleo y otras responsabilidades. Esta sesión apoyará a las familias ofreciéndole destrezas prácticas para manejar y modelar sus emociones en una forma saludable y como ayudar a sus hijos a ser exitosos.

**Presentadores:**

- Robert D. Keder, M.D., Pediatra del Desarrollo y el Comportamiento (Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, por sus siglas en Inglés), Profesor Auxiliar, del Departamento de Pediatría, Facultad de Medicina de la Universidad de Connecticut
- Gladys Labas, Directora de Equidad e Idiomas, CSDE

**Registración:** <https://ctserc.net/families0323>

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## Self-Care and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) for Parents and Caregivers

**Date:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021

**Time:** 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Managing in-person, hybrid and remote learning during the pandemic has been challenging for students but also for their families. In addition to handling their children's concerns, many parents and caregivers are also juggling multiple priorities including employment changes and other responsibilities. This session will support families by sharing practical skills to manage their emotions, model healthy coping strategies and help their children thrive.

**Presenters:**

- Robert D. Keder, M.D., Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics; Connecticut Children's Assistant Professor, Pediatrics; UConn School of Medicine
- Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, CSDE

**Register:** <https://ctserc.net/families0406>

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## Una conversación virtual para padres y familias de estudiantes de aprendices de inglés

*Taller sera solo en español.*

*(Session will be presented only in Spanish.)*

*(A Virtual Conversation for Parents and Families of English Learners)*

**Fecha:** Martes, 27 de abril de 2021

**Hora:** 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Esta sesión proporcionará respuestas a preguntas comunes que los padres y las familias tienen sobre el aprendizaje a distancia. También contará con un nuevo documento informativo para los padres y tutores de los estudiantes de inglés sobre las leyes, reglamentos y políticas que afectan los programas y servicios de los estudiantes de inglés. Cuando los padres, las familias y las escuelas trabajan juntos en colaboración, los estudiantes del idioma inglés pueden alcanzar su máximo potencial.

**Presentadora:**

Gladys Labas, Directora de Equidad e Idiomas, CSDE

**Registración:** <https://ctserc.net/families427>