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To: All Providers of State and Medicaid Funded Services

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Subject: Covid-19 Support Guidelines for Individuals with I/DD from the American Academy of Developmental Medicine & Dentistry, North Carolina Broadband Survey, Upcoming Free Webinar Series

COVID-19 SUPPORT GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Shared by Division of Health Benefits: Covid-19 Support Guidelines for Individuals with I/DD from The American Academy of Developmental Medicine & Dentistry (AADMD) has some good information about supporting people in Group Homes.

AADMD is a non-profit, membership organization of interdisciplinary health professionals — including primary physicians, medical specialists, dentists, optometrists, nurses and other clinicians — committed to improving the quality of healthcare for people with intellectual & developmental disabilities (IDD).

People with I/DD have higher rates of complications and death due to Covid-19 when compared to the general population. Despite this risk, public health recommendations for this population are sparse and vary greatly from state-to-state. The AADMD believes there need to be clear guidelines applied nationally to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on individuals with I/DD.

To address this urgent need, AADMD developed the following white paper: <https://www.aadmd.org/white-paper>

NORTH CAROLINA BROADBAND SURVEY

This an opportunity for providers to offer some feedback on the internet needs across the state, especially in light of all the work related to telehealth as well as efforts around increased Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) linkages through NC Cares 360.

The North Carolina Broadband Survey is designed to gather information on locations without adequate internet access and speeds in the state.

The information gathered from the survey will:

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- 🌱 Provide clear data to guide investment of funds through the state's Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) grant program
- 🌱 Inform research and policy recommendations
- 🌱 Support strategic targeting of additional funding streams

The survey is a collaboration between the N.C. Department of Information Technology's Broadband Infrastructure Office and [The Friday Institute for Education Innovation](#) at North Carolina State University.

[NCDIT survey](#)

UPCOMING FREE WEBINAR SERIES

Upcoming free webinar series offered through partnership between the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators and SAMHSA's Mountain Plains Technology Transfer Center network.

Webinar topics include:

- 🌱 The Intersection between Traumatic Brain Injury and Mental Health: An Introduction
- 🌱 Traumatic Brain Injury and Addiction and Substance Use/Abuse Community
- 🌱 Traumatic Brain Injury and the Veterans Community
- 🌱 Traumatic Brain Injury and the Mental/Behavioral Health Community
- 🌱 Traumatic Brain Injury and the K-12 Education Community
- 🌱 Open Session Webinar: Traumatic Brain Injury and the Primary Health Care Community

This is a great opportunity to get more in-depth knowledge and education on a variety of topics affecting the individuals with brain injury that you serve. For more information and to register for any of the webinars please visit:

<https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-mhttc/news/training-series-intersection-between-traumatic-brain-injury-and>

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