

Back to School Resources During COVID-19

For families struggling with sending children back to brick and mortar settings, or limited in school time, there are several options.

Nanny Agencies and In-Home Caregivers:

The agency below places nationwide. This would be a great resource for parents who not only need child care or supervision while they work, but also to fill the educational needs of those remaining at home and not returning to the physical school setting.

<https://www.collegenanniesandtutors.com/>

Carebridge can assist in finding additional agencies and in-home caregivers that serve more defined geographical areas. Individuals should call for this type of assistance. This option is costly, so it will not meet everyone's needs.

Virtual Schools:

Online schools (outside of what local public schools are offering instead of or in conjunction with in-person instructions) are free and offer curriculum and some virtual instruction based on each state's requirements through the Department of Education. Families must apply:

Connections Academy — <https://www.connectionsacademy.com/about>

K12 — <https://www.k12.com/online-public-schools.html>

Additional virtual schools can be identified by geographic location.

Learning Pods:

For parents working from home or at the workplace, the formation of learning pods has taken hold during the pandemic. Most families connect with friends, or use social media to form a pod. Parents can also switch off with one another to help with supervision to coordinate with school and family work schedules. Some sites with information on this type of learning environment are listed below:

<https://www.modulo.app/all-resources/learningpod>

<https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/family/story/microschooling-parents-creative-school-fall-71745030>

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2020/07/20/pandemic-pods-are-fundamentally-reshaping-k-12-education/>

Supplemental Free Tutoring Resources:

Khan Academy:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Through the summer months there is a free nationwide virtual tutoring program and camp program started by high school teenagers, called the COVID nineteen project.

<https://sites.google.com/view/covidnineteenproject/home>

Homeschooling General Information:

Some parents may opt to homeschool their children so that they can control the curriculum and schedule which may allow for more work time. The resources below are helpful.

A Guide to Online Homeschooling — <https://www.onlineschools.org/homeschooling-guide/>

Homeschooling Laws by State — <https://hsllda.org/legal>

Coalition for Responsible Home Education — <https://responsiblehomeschooling.org/covid/>

For additional help in preparing for the coming school year with all of its challenges, parents are encouraged to contact Carebridge Child Care Specialists for one-on-one support by calling 800.437.0911 or emailing, clientservice@carebridge.com.

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