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**To:** Families and caregivers of individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities  
**From:** Cathy Robinson, Director, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services  
**Re:** Webinars for families and caregivers  
**Date:** March 27, 2020

The Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services is hosting a series of webinars for families and caregivers to inform and assist during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are greatly appreciative for the partnership with The Arc of Indiana, Family Voices Indiana and IPMG in their work and efforts to assist us in bringing this much needed information to the families and caregivers who are managing the challenges during this time to meet the support needs of their family and loved ones. Please see the following for more information and how to register:

Monday, March 30, 2020, 2-3 p.m. EDT, BDDS family update

BDDS will be hosting a family and caregiver webinar that will provide updates and information on the effects of the current COVID-19 pandemic to BDDS services which include the Family Support Waiver, the Community Integration and Habilitation Waiver and Supervised Group Living.

Panelists: Heather Dane, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services  
Kim Opsahl, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services  
Holly Wimsatt, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services

To register visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4939158370394165516>

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email containing information and instructions to join the webinar.

Friday, April 3, 2020, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Managing life during the pandemic: Part 1

BDDS in partnership with the Division of Aging, The Arc of Indiana and Family Voices Indiana will be hosting a family and caregiver webinar to provide information and resources on managing life during the pandemic. Topics will include: homeschooling/e-learning, resources to meet basic needs, and maintaining relationships while social distancing.

Panelists: Heather Dane, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services  
Karly Sciortino-Poulter, The Arc of Indiana  
Jennifer Akers, Family Voices Indiana

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Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1 -2 p.m., Managing life during the pandemic: Part 2

BDDS in partnership with the Division of Aging, The Arc of Indiana and Family Voices Indiana will be hosting a family and caregiver webinar to provide information and resources on managing life during the pandemic. Topics will include: planning for the future, managing challenging behaviors in adults and children and reducing caregiver burnout.

Panelists: Heather Dane, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services  
Karly Sciortino-Poulter, The Arc of Indiana  
Jennifer Akers, Family Voices Indiana

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