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**FAMILY CONNECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONTINUES TO ADJUST OUTREACH POLICIES**

*Family Information Center Open and New Online Resources Available*

**(COLUMBIA, SC)** - Family Connection of South Carolina (FCSC) will postpone in-person activities including trainings, outreach events and home visits until after **April 30, 2020** due to continued concerns about the coronavirus virus (COVID-19).

“We are taking precautions in order to protect the health and well-being of the families and communities we serve” said Amy Holbert, Chief Executive Officer of Family Connection South Carolina. “While we are temporarily postponing face-to-face activities, our Family Information Center remains open to provide support, information, and referrals for families with children that have a disability or special healthcare need. We will continue to take referrals for our support services via phone, fax or on our website. Family Connection remains committed to serving and supporting South Carolina’s children with disabilities. We are still here for our families” said Holbert.

Family Connection’s Family Information Center staff will be available to assist families between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday at 1-800-578-8750 (English) or—1-888-808-7462 (Spanish). Referrals can also be made by fax: 1-866-420-4082 or online at <https://www.familyconnectionsc.org/referral/>

An extensive list of resources for families and issues related to COVID-19 may be found on the organization’s web site: [www.familyconnectionsc.org/virus](http://www.familyconnectionsc.org/virus). Popular topics include:

Teach Motor Skills to Toddlers with Household Utensils

Speech Therapy Tools

Occupational and Physical Therapies

Educational and Entertaining ideas for Kids K–12, Hand-on activities, Best Podcasts for Kids

30 Virtual Field Trips

Grandfamilies and Multigenerational Homes

Ideas for Parents/Caregivers; How to Help Children Cope

Helping Kids with Transitions

Keeping Peace among Siblings

Additional updates can be found at [www.facebook.com/FamilyConnectionofSouthCarolina](http://www.facebook.com/FamilyConnectionofSouthCarolina)

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Family Connection of South Carolina is working diligently to ensure children with disabilities and their families receive the information they need during this time of limited social contact.

**About Family Connection of South Carolina**

For 30 years, Family Connection of South Carolina has been changing lives by making connections, raising awareness, and promoting inclusion for those with disabilities and healthcare needs. We offer programs and services to ensure that parents, professionals and caregivers have access to available resources to help their children reach their full potential. Our work focuses on five key areas: Parent Support, Healthcare, Education, Training and Advocacy. For more information visit www.familyconnectionsc.org or call 800-578-8750.

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