# Distance Learning: Behavior Support for Parents

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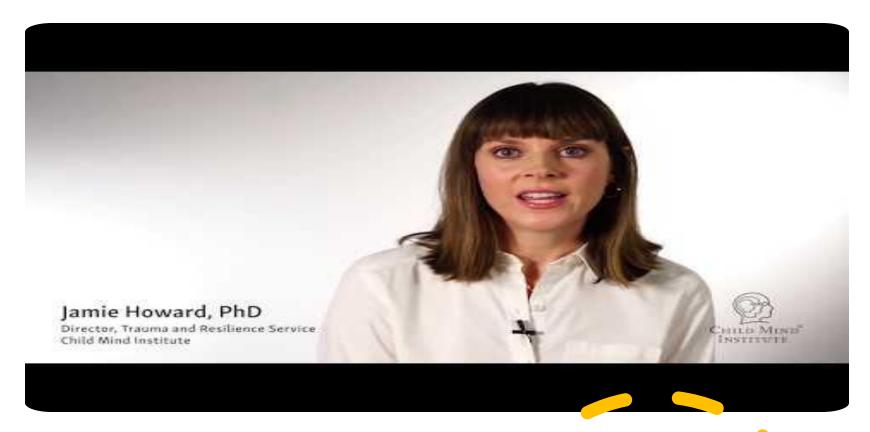
8 Ways to Support Parents Supporting Children During Distance Learning



# Help Your Child Understand What's Going On

- COVID-19 social stories, videos
- Easy ways to your talk to your children about COVID-19
- Washing hands social stories
- What is social distancing and why do we have to do it? Why can't I go to my favorite places and school?

# How to Talk to Your Child About COVID-19



COVID-19 Video (Pictured Above)

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Talking to your kids aboutCovid-19 PBS website link

# Video Explaining COVID-19 to Children



<u>COVID-19 Child Friendly Video (Pictured Above)</u> <u>(\*Open link in new tab or window)</u> Links to Social Stories about COVID-19 and Social Distancing

- What is COVID-19?
- Understanding COVID-19 for Kids 3-8
- What is a Pandemic?
- Understanding Social Distancing

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# Washing Hands Video



Baby Shark Hand Washing
Video (Pictured Above)
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### Washing Hand Visuals

### Washing Hands Links

- Hand washing sequence visual
- Visual to pick a song to sing while washing hands
- Hand washing visual with core words
- Hand washing visual with 7 steps and pictures
- Hand washing written steps

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# Help Your Child Schedule Their Day

- Types of Schedules
- Parent Distance Learning schedule
- Student Distance Learning schedule
- Set up the environment
- Set a routine
- Place to do work free of distractions or reinforcers



### First/Then

A written or visual support outlining the completing of a lesser preferred task prior to accessing a preferred task or item.

### Object Schedule

A three dimensional representation of daily activities. Similar to picture schedule with the exception that is designated to be more concrete for children who require such additional cues.

### Picture Schedule

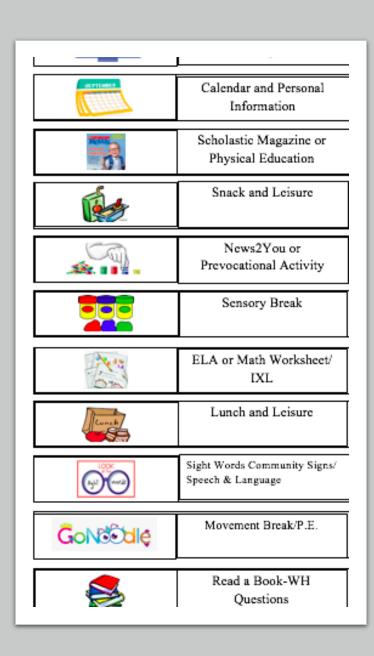
A series of pictures which represent the sequence of activities the child will perform during a specific part of the day.

# Written Schedule

Series of words that describe various activities that the child will perform during a specified part of their day. Generally written in list form.

Time	Mock Distance Learning Schedule	Notes	10:15-	Recess	*Physical Activity
8:00-8:30	Check in with your child		10:30		
			10:30-	<ul> <li>Have your child check their schedule</li> </ul>	Leisure activity ideas: reading a
	<ul> <li>Parent can prepare programs and materials</li> </ul>		10:45	<ul> <li>Independent Leisure Activity</li> </ul>	book, Legos, Puzzles, Play Doh, drawing, coloring, arts and
	Arrange environment to eliminate				crafts
0.20.0.45	distractions; remove exciting materials	*Ensure that the activity does	10:45-	<ul> <li>Have your child check their schedule.</li> </ul>	
8:30-8:45	Parent should build momentum engaging in a fun and reinforcing activity	*Ensure that the activity does not take you away from the	11:15	<ul> <li>Academic Task 3</li> </ul>	
	tott and territorenig activity	instructional area.	11:15-12	Lunch and Recess	
8:45-9:15	<ul> <li>Have your child check their schedule. Can be written or visual.</li> </ul>		12-12:15	Have your child check their schedule	
	Academic task 1			<ul> <li>Independent or Cooperative Leisure</li> </ul>	
9:15-9:25	Break	*Avoid highly preferred items		Activity 2	
		during 10 breaks to prevent the	12:15-	<ul> <li>Have your child check their schedule</li> </ul>	
		student from difficulties in returning to academic tasks.	12:45	Academic Task 4	
9:25-9:45	Have your child check their schedule.	returning to academic tasks.	12:45-	<ul> <li>Have your child check their schedule</li> </ul>	
	Academic task 2		1:15	<ul> <li>Change environment (outside, different</li> </ul>	
9:45-	<ul> <li>Have your child check their schedule</li> </ul>	Close ended activity ideas:		room, etc.)	
10:15	Change environment (outside, different	board game, Go Noodle video, Duck Duck Goose, puzzles		Complete a close ended activity	
	room, etc.)	Duck goth Goose, puzzies	1:15	Clean up and put away learning materials	
	<ul> <li>Complete a close ended activity</li> </ul>				

### Mock Distance Learning Schedule for Parents



# Mock Distance Learning Schedule for Students

### Links to Download and Create Your Own Visual Schedule

- <u>Teachers Pay Teachers free</u> downloadable visual schedules
- How To: Create Visual Schedules
- Video Tutorial: Create Visual
   Schedules
- First, Then Visual Schedule App

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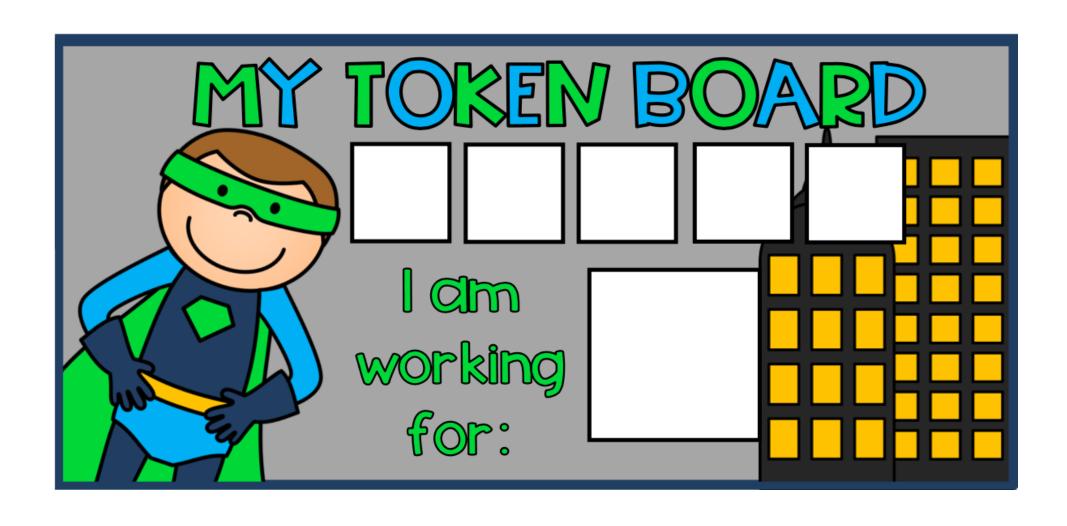


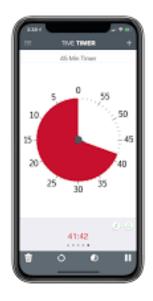
# Help Your Student to Learn

Antecedent Strategies (Setting your child up to be successful)

- Ways to modify tasks cover paper, circle problems, fold paper, close ended (I.e. have a clear beginning and end)
- Token Boards (you can print out a token board and put it in Ziplock bag and use a marker instead of laminating, draw one using Post-Its or paper, or see examples and links on the next few pages)
- Social stories (simple stories written to explain rules or expectations. See examples on the next few pages)
- Set up First/Then visuals or use that language
- Set rules and expectations for Distance Learning
- Set up reinforcers (can ask "What do you want to do after math? Make sure set aside items/activities that cannot be accessed outside of times they are working for the item/activity)
- Use of timers (applications, examples)
- Praise

### Token Boards



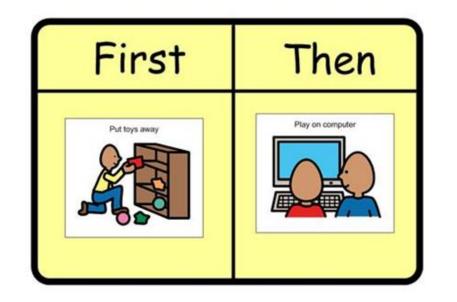


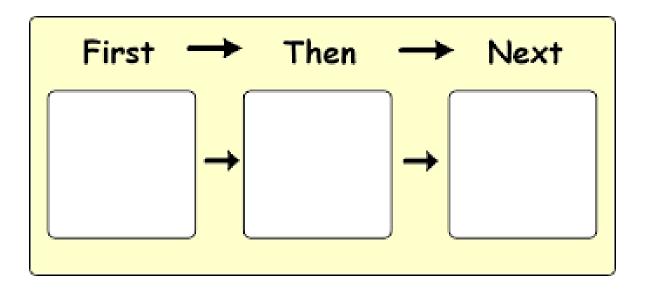






### Visual Timers





First/Then Visuals



#### Homeschool Rules

- 1. We do our own work
- 2. We are ready to start on time
- 3. We take turns
  (it doesn't matter who goes first)
- 4. No temper tantrums or fighting over silly things that don't matter
- 5. Listen first, speak second
- 6. We clean up our own messes
- 7. No whining or complaining
- 8. We don't wait to go potty
- 9. We use our words
- 10. We don't interrupt others



Be on time, prepared and ready to learn.



Listen carefully when others are speaking.

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Follow directions the first time.



Be polite. Say "please" and "thank you".



Respect yourself and others.



Raise your hand for permission to speak.

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### Set Rules and Expectations

## Links to Make Your Own

### **Social Stories**



**Visual Timer** 

Create Your Own Token
Board

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# Help Parents to Understand Behaviors



Behavior 101



Break down by 4 functions



**Antecedents** 



**Prompting** 



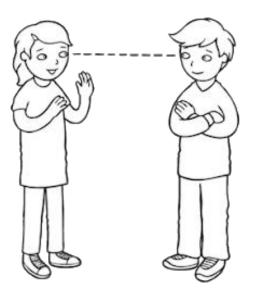
Replacement behaviors



Power of reinforcement

### Help to Facilitate Compliance

- **Step 1:** Get your child's attention: Make sure they can hear you, see you.
- **Step 2:** Make the request in clear, simple terms. Avoid confusion by adding in too many requests or steps at a time.
  - Correct Example: "Jane, it's time for you to start your math homework."
  - Incorrect Example: "Jane, you need to clean up your mess, turn off the tv, pick up your clothes and get to math homework."
- **Step 3:** Phrase the request in a positive way: If instruction is delivered in a negative way, chances for compliance decrease.
  - Correct Example: "Johnny, finish reading your book, then you can watch TV."
  - Incorrect Example: "If you do not read your book, you won't be watching any TV tonight."

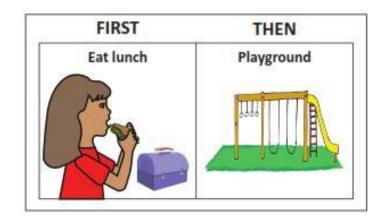


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- **Step 4:** When giving instructions consider your child's preferences: Try to give instruction at natural times. If the child is involved in a favorite activity, it is helpful to give some closure time, when possible.
  - Correct Example: "John, in 10 minutes you need to begin your spelling worksheet."
  - Incorrect Example: "John, turn off the TV now, it's spelling time."
- **Step 5:** Give your child time to respond. Wait about 10 seconds before further demands are placed.
- **Step 6:** If your child complies, it's important to praise him/her. Praise mixed with criticism is confusing and not effective.
  - Correct Example: "Thanks for coming to the table when I asked you, Mike"
  - Incorrect Example: "Mike, you followed instructions that time, why can't you do that every time?"





### Help to Facilitate Compliance

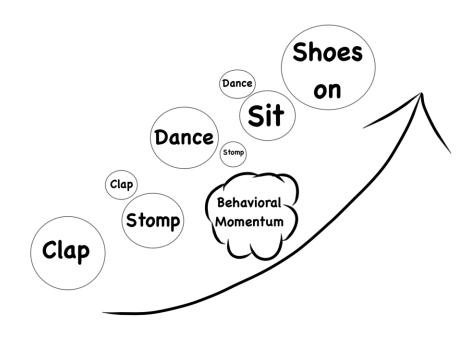
- **Step 7:** If there is no response to your instruction, try it again: This time you may want to get close, perhaps guide your child, and make your voice louder and firmer.
- Step 8: If your child makes a move to respond but does not complete the action, reinforce the response they have made.
  - Example:
    - Instruction: "Go to the kitchen table to start your work."
    - Response: Child gets out of chair, turns towards the hallway and then stops.
    - Instructor: "Thanks for getting up, now go to the table."





# If you're struggling to gain compliance, do these things:

- Use behavioral momentum: Start with a list of requests that your child can comply with already; in between those requests try a new request that they have a more challenging time with.
   Try not to give back to back challenging demands.
- Physically guide or prompt (only with young children)
- Wait for a time to repeat the instruction again.
- Provide praise or reward for other children/siblings who have complied in front of the child who is non-compliant.
- Provide a prompt that may have a particular meaning to the child.
  - Example: "When you do your spelling work without help, you're really behaving like an upper grader."
- If there is a long history of resistiveness, parents may need to assist in the process. For example, have your child perform only the last step in the task or put away one toy and help with the remainders.



# If you're struggling to gain compliance, do not do the following:



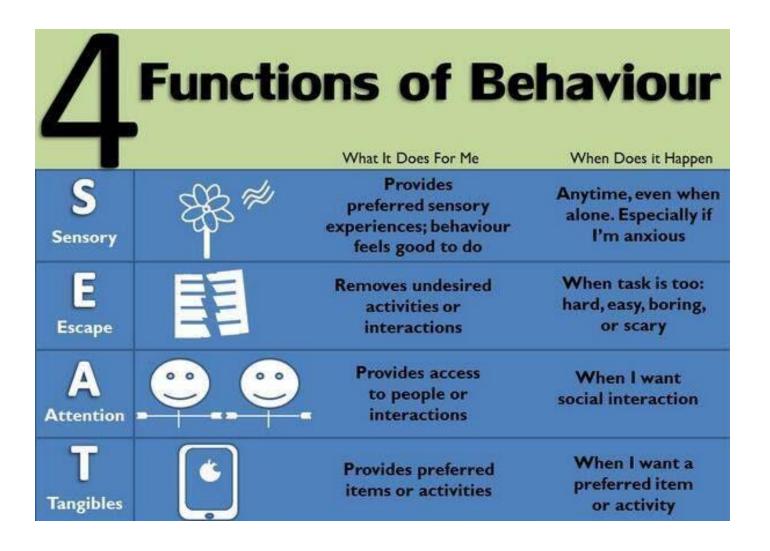
- Do not threaten with an aversive consequence.
- Do not keep repeating the instruction. Nagging is usually not effective and trains your child that your first several instructions are meaningless.
- Do not provide punishment you can't get out of. Such as taking away all privileges for the day. If the child can't reintegrate into daily activities, worse problems may occur.
- Do not offer a positive consequence after noncompliance.
  - Example: "[Child flops to floor] Come on, if you sit down and do your work, I'll give you a cookie"

# Behavior 101: Some Things to Remember

- Behavior is learned
- What happens after a behavior determines the future of the behavior
- Behavior is communicative
- There are different expectations of behaviors across different environments
- How we respond to behaviors should change based on the reason the behaviors are occurring
- Research shows that positive behavior support strategies demonstrate long term change in behavior
- Behavior Intervention is an educational approach



#### **Functions of Behavior**



- Access to Social Attention
  - Behavior maintained by social attention that follows the behavior
- Access to Tangible Materials
  - Behavior maintained by material reinforcers that follow the occurrence of the behavior
- Access to Escape/Avoidance
  - Behavior maintained by the termination of an unpleasant event or aversive situation/demand maintains the behavior preceding the situation or demand.
- Access to Sensory Consequences
  - Behavior maintained by sensory feedback or avoidance that follow the occurrences of the behavior

# Changing What Happens

- Access to Social Attention
  - Provide frequent opportunities for your child to access positive social attention (i.e. praise, conversation, etc.)
  - Teach your child to utilize functional communication to gain your attention (i.e. call your name, tap you on the shoulder, etc.)
  - Provide immediate attention when your child utilizes appropriate means to gain attention, and minimize attention to inappropriate attempts to gain attention
- Access to Tangible Materials
  - Allow your child access to enriching items and activities throughout the day
  - Let your child know when preferred items will be available (i.e "wait 3 minutes", "do one more", etc.)
  - Encourage your child to utilize communication to request access to items





# Changing What Happens

- Access to Escape/Avoidance
  - Teach your child to ask for help or a break
  - Simplify tasks
  - Embed choices in non-preferred activities (i.e. order or location of tasks)
  - Pair the demand with a preferred activity (i.e. "first do your homework, then you can use the iPad")
  - Provide greater reinforcement for more challenging or lesser-preferred tasks
  - Begin with simple tasks, and work towards more challenging tasks
  - Be sure to reinforce compliance with simple tasks, as well as challenging tasks
- Access to Sensory Consequences
  - Provide opportunities for your child to engage in activities that provide the sensory input (I.e. play-doh, trampoline, swing, etc.)





### Help Your Child Have Fun

- When making your daily schedule with your child have them help you decide on some fun things to do
- Find activities that can be done solo, with siblings, and with parents
- Create an activity bowl and have your child pick something each day







### Relaxing Activities

- Reading
- Painting
- Coloring
- Chalk
- Listening to music
- Kids yoga







#### Indoor Activities

- <u>List of 20 things to do at home with kids</u>
- <u>List of 110 fun at home activities for family and kids</u>
- <u>List of 50 Indoor activities</u>
- Easy indoor activities for kids

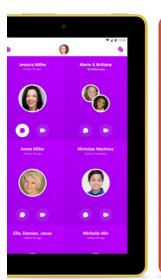
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#### **Outdoor Activities**

- 50 simple outdoor activities for kids
- <u>50 fun things for kids to do</u> <u>outside</u>

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### Help Your Child Stay Connected

- Special Education students can already feel isolated during their day to day
- During Distance Learning it is important to make an effort to have your child connect with others. You may want to put it on your schedule or calendar, pick different days to connect with different people, make a list with your child who they want to connect with this week, etc.

### Free Apps to Connect With Others















#### Messenger Kids

Facebook
messenger for kids
13 and under.
Parents have
to allow all
communication



App with drawing games, heads up, etc.



Can send videos to people and they send you back video messages

# Activities For Kids to Do While Virtually Connecting

- Scavenger hunt at their house (who can find more items)
- Dance off
- Pretend to host a show
- Show each other their toys
- Introduce pets, family members, etc.
- Play games (heads up, drawing games (houseparty app)
- Eat lunch together
- Other ideas:
- <u>Facetime activities for kids to do together</u>

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### How To Cope



As routines change and learning will be different than what your child is used to, it is important to work on coping strategies. Putting coping strategies into your child's daily schedule can help them practice these skills



Ideas for coping/calming strategies



Make a list of your child's favorite thing or activities that help them feel safe and calm



Rocking in a rocking chair, listening to music, getting hug from a parent, reading a book, watching a favorite video, coloring, exercising, etc.



### Calming Videos

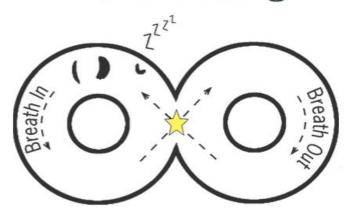
- Deep breathing with shapes for kids
- Relaxing music for kids
- Go Noodle video Bring it down
- Go Noodle video Melting
- Guided Meditation video for kids

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### Coping Visuals

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#### Lazy 8 **Breathing**



Trace the Lazy 8 with your finger starting at the star and taking a deep breath in.

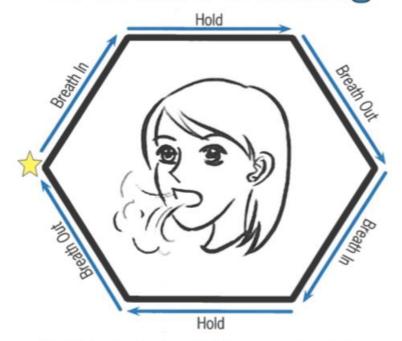
As you cross over to the other side of the Lazy 8, slowly let your breath out.

Continue breathing around the Lazy 8 until you have a calm body and mind.

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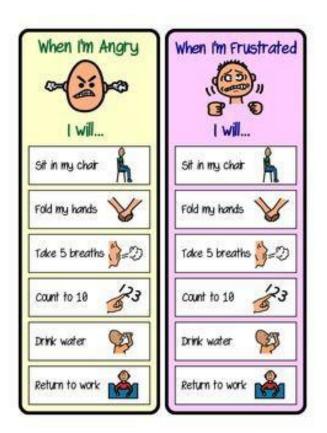
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#### The Six Sides of **Breathing**

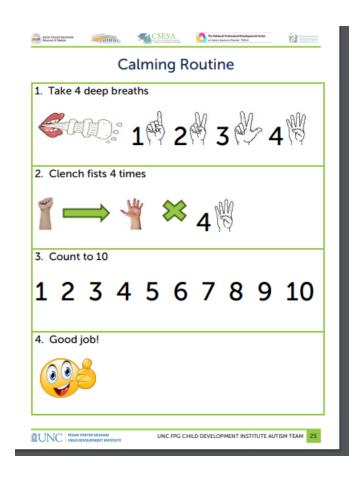


Starting at the yellow star trace with your farger the sides of the hexagon as you take a deep breath in, feeling your shoulders rise as the air filts you. Trace over the next side as you hold your breath for a moment. Slowly breathe out as you trace the third side of the hexagon. Continue tracing around the bottom three sides of the hexagon as you complete another deep breath. Continue The Six Sides of Breathing cycle until you feel calm and relaxed.

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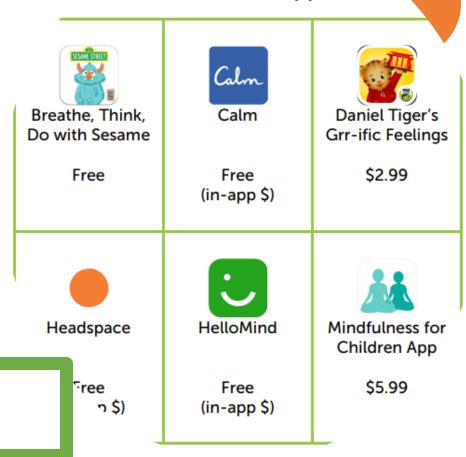


### Coping Visuals

# Coping Apps

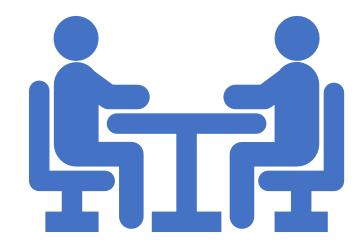


#### Mindfulness Apps



### We Are Here to Help

The Behavior Intervention Specialist Team is committed to providing support to our families during Distance Learning. Please do not hesitate to contact our team for assistance with managing behaviors, creating visuals, or any other questions or concerns you have during school closure.



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