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Disabilities Newsletter

WELCOME NOTE:

As the sun sets on summer and we welcome the start of the new school year, there are many positive changes coming for disability services in EHS. I look forward to working with each one of you and offering my full support.

Sincerely,

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WHAT IS NEW WITH DISABILITIES IN EHS?

Region One announced they will no longer be the provider for ECI services in the PSJA Area. Easter Seals RGV will be the new ECI provider servicing the area effective 9/1. UTRGV EHS staff had a very promising meeting with Easter Seals, discussed great changes and high expectations for the upcoming year. Brief History of Easter Seals: "For over 64 years, Easter Seals Rio Grande Valley has been helping individuals with disabilities and their families live better lives. Easter Seals continues to offer a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges and achieve personal goals. Easter Seals Rio Grande Valley has expanded the scope of services to provide critical early intervention, early support services that partner with families to provide the skills, information, and support needed to young children a good start in life."



RESOURCES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

The Office of Head Start has developed many resources virtually to support children, families, and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. Click on the link to find specific information related to [services for children with disabilities](#).

7 TIPS FOR MANAGING DISTANCE LEARNING

1. Let children guide you.
2. Provide meaningful alternatives to screen time.
3. Remember that families are your partners.
4. Remote relationship building is critical.
5. Music is magical.
6. Lean on your tech-savvy team members.
7. Be kind to yourself.

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/7-tips-managing-distance-learning-preschool>

