

# Coronavirus News & Resources

The East End Counselors Association is sharing the following information from local, state and national organizations as resources for school counselors.

## **East End Counselors Association**

**In response to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus, the East End Counselors Association has cancelled the following events:**

- \* ~~Fall General Membership Meeting~~
- \* ~~Fall College Fair at Riverhead High School~~
- \* ~~Winter General Membership Meeting~~

**The East End Counselors Association held the following event in a modified format.**

- \* **Financial Aid and NCAA Night at Riverhead**



## **American School Counselors Association**

**COVID Updates and Resources:** [Get updates](#) on how the virus affects ASCA members and the school counseling profession, as well as [resources for members](#).

**Race Conversations:** The following ASCA resources can help school counselors ensure ethical, equitable, and inclusive school environments: links to [positions](#), [articles](#), [webinars](#), [research and guidance](#), as well as new ASCA initiatives and programs.

**Helping Students After Crisis:** [Get resources for helping students](#) in the aftermath of a natural disaster. [Get resources for helping students](#) in the aftermath of a shooting. [Get resources](#) for helping students deal with troubling issues in the news.

**Back-to-School Resources:** The 2020–2021 school year is one like no other. Whether schools are open in person or online-only—or some hybrid of the two—school counselors will be required to constantly innovate to support student learning and social/emotional development; to focus more heavily on the critical issues of trauma and grief, anti-racism, anxiety and more; and to find and create new and innovative resources to assist students in career planning. On top of all of this, educators are challenged to consider self-care and manage their own social isolation, pandemic fears and difficult workloads. As you navigate this new territory, the following resources can help you adapt and refine your school counseling program to respond to the new landscape.

**[Guidance for School Counselors](#)**

**[Guidance for School Counseling Faculty](#)**

**[Guidance for School Counseling Students](#)**

### **Here's What's New:**

[Upcoming Events and Webinars](#) The latest on career development for students in a month's worth of webinars and sessions. In addition to traditional webinars focused on career development topics, these and others, give you access to a robust set of career your students should know about.

*2020 ASCA Webinar Series: Career Development in a Changing World 11/4/2020*

*2020 ASCA Webinar Series: Prepare Students for Careers in a Global Economy 11/11/2020*

*2020 ASCA Webinar Series: Align Academic Advisement to Career Interest 11/23/2020*

*2020 ASCA Webinar Series: Postsecondary Transition for Students With Disabilities 11/30/2020*

### **New CDC and GLSEN Data**

**Point to Crisis Among LGBTQ Youth:** The Human Rights Campaign Foundation and 23 of its Project Thrive partners, including ASCA, released a [joint statement](#) this week on the importance of youth-serving professional providing LGBTQ youth the support they need to thrive. The statement is in response to the HRC Foundation's analysis of the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance \(YRBS\) data](#), which finds that many LGBTQ youth are living in crisis.

**ASCA Toolkits:** Recognizing your need for practical tips and lessons to use as you navigate the COVID-19 crisis, ASCA has developed several new toolkits for virtual school counseling, including [Crisis Planning and Response](#), [Choosing a College When You Can't Visit Campus](#), [Virtual School Counseling Guidelines](#) and [Virtual Elementary School Counseling](#). Soon, we'll add Virtual Middle School Counseling and Virtual High School Counseling Toolkits.

## **The New York State Education Department**

**The New York State Education Department** recognizes the COVID-19 outbreak is affecting schools and communities across the state.

The New York State Education Department (NYSED), Office of Special Education is sharing the following new resource released by U.S. Department of Education (USDE) on October 23, 2020.

USDE's [Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide](#) aims to help parents and guardians understand how digital tools can provide tailored learning opportunities, engage students with course materials, encourage creative expression, and enrich the educational experience.



## **Education Technology Resources to Support Students With or At Risk for Disabilities During COVID-19**

A network of special education software and assistive technology developers, researchers, and nonprofits with support from the Department of Education, National Science Foundation, and National Institutes of Health recently released a guide presenting information on [20 Education Technology Resources that are READY NOW to Support Special Education Practitioners and Children and Students with or At Risk for Disabilities](#)

## **Reopening Guidance**

The Board of Regents and NYSED issued guidance to help guide schools as they continue to educate our students-whether in person, remotely, or some combination of the two.

**Official announcement and details are [Linked Here](#)**

## **Tentative Dates for the January 2021, June 2021, and August 2021 Regents Exams**

- The new tentative dates for the January, June, and August 2021 Regents Examination periods are being provided at this time to assist schools and districts with developing their local school calendars for the 2020-21 school year.
- At this time, no final decisions regarding the feasibility of administering the Regents Examinations in 2021 have been made. The Department will continuously monitor the situation statewide and provide updated guidance, policies, and regulatory changes as necessary.
- Questions may be directed to the Office of State Assessment at 518-474-8220 or [emscassessinfo@nysed.gov](mailto:emscassessinfo@nysed.gov).

**Official announcement and details are [Linked Here](#)**

**Information regarding Elementary State Assessments are [Linked Here](#)**

**Information regarding High School State Assessments are [Linked Here](#)**

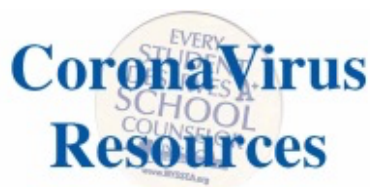
## ***P-12 School Guidance***

P-12 school guidance and resources are available from several sources, including NYSED, the U.S. Department of Education, the NYS Department of Health, the CDC, and the NYS Center for School Health

***Official announcement and details are [Linked Here](#)***

### **Additional New York State Resources**

- **[NY Department of Health Updates](#)**
- **[Ideas That Work website](#)**
- **[Parents: Supporting Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)**
- **[NYSED-Talking about COVID-19 with young people](#)**
- **[Continuity of learning resources](#)**
- **[NYSED-Talking about COVID-19 with young people](#)**



### **New York State School Counselor Association**

The following NYSSCA Resources are posted on the [NYSSCA website](#). Visit them for a complete list of counselor resources.

Elementary School Counselor Resources are found [Here](#)

Middle School Counselor Resources are found [Here](#)

Elementary Level Counselor Resources are found [Here](#)

### ***Healthy Young Minds Newsletter***

Healthy Young Kids is a newsletter from MHANYS' School Mental health Resource & Training Center. The current edition, which is linked below contains many articles relating to mental health and a return to school.

**[Healthy Young Minds](#)**

## VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS



### ***SUNY Virtual Events***

Explore the State University of New York, the campuses, academy programs, application and admissions process, financial assistance, the Excelsior Scholarship and more.

Learn about the Educational Opportunity Program at a virtual Information session.

Explore financial aid programs and opportunities.

Attend a virtual workshop on applying to SUNY campuses

**Official announcement and details are [Linked Here](#)**

### ***NACAC Virtual College Fairs This Fall***

NACAC Virtual College Fairs are designed from the ground up as mobile experiences that are intuitive, informative, interactive, and fun. At each Virtual College Fair, more than 600 college and university representatives will be available to talk with students.

**Official announcement and details are [Linked Here](#)**



## **SAT and ACT Updates**

College Board Updates on SAT and PSAT Related Coronavirus Updates: [click here](#)

College Board Updates on AP Testing: [click here](#)

- [2020-21 AP Updates for Schools Impacted by the Coronavirus](#)

ACT Testing Amid Covid-19 [click here](#)

ACT Covid-19 Resources [click here](#)



## COVID-19 Updates and Resources

### US Government Resources

- [US Dept of Education Covid-19 Info Page](#)
- [CDC Updates](#)
- [Supplemental Fact Sheet Addressing the Risk of COVID-19 in Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Schools While Serving Children with Disabilities](#)

### Other COVID-19 Updates and Resources

- [National Center for Grieving Children & Families](#)
- [National Center for School Crisis & Bereavement- Covid-19 Resources](#)
- [Protecting Educational Equity During Coronavirus School Closures-EdTrustNY](#)
- [CASEL Resources including CASEL Cares Initiative](#)
- [Question and answers on providing services to children with disabilities during the Coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak](#)
- [Calm.com: Free Resources during the Coronavirus outbreak](#)
- [Understanding Covid-19 Statistics in plain English](#)
- [National Association of School Psychologists Covid-19 Resource Center](#)
- [Lasting Impact on Gen Z](#)
- [No Kid Hungry Emergency Grants](#)
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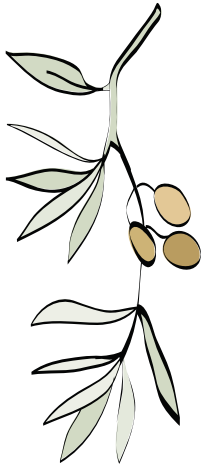
### Family Educational Rights Private Act (FERPA) and Virtual Learning

- [FERPA & COVID-19 FAQs](#)
- [FERPA & COVID-19 FAQs \(Esp\)](#)

- [FERPA & Virtual Learning Resource List](#)

Questions may be submitted to the Student Privacy help desk at [FERPA@ed.gov](mailto:FERPA@ed.gov).

## Resources From Our Members



### East End

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Counselors  
Share  
Their  
Resources

Tom Rabbitt is sharing this link to NYSED's [Continuity of Learning website](#) featuring [Staying Connected: Your Stories](#) a collection of the work of individual teachers, district, and BOCES that encourages district-to-district support and collaboration across New York State. Your story might be a one-page account, a video, or pictures showing how your school, your students, and your community are staying connected. Please visit the [Staying Connected](#) page for suggested topics, components, and submission instructions. Please consider sending a copy of "Your Story" to [trabbitt51@gmail.com](mailto:trabbitt51@gmail.com) so we can include it in our newsletter. The following features School Counselor Ryan Barker of Bridgehampton School.

**Last March, when the Bridgehampton School joined other schools in shifting to remote learning as the coronavirus engulfed New York State, Principal Michael Miller sent out a video preparing students and staff alike for the disruption in their normal routine that was about to unfold.**

**Ryan Barker, who is in his third year as elementary school guidance counselor, said he immediately saw an opportunity to bring the school community together by making YouTube videos of the morning announcements that had previously been done over the public address system. Here is a link to one of his morning announcements.** (Courtesy of The Southampton Press)

**WBEE**  
VIRTUAL RADIO

**THURSDAY**  
**10/15**

