



# SHELTER IN PLACE AUTISM RESOURCES



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Katie's work as a Special Needs Planning attorney evolved from her early background in Estate Planning Law, as she began to represent families who had loved ones with special needs. After then becoming a Mom to a child with special needs in 2009, she decided to devote her legal career to representing families in the special needs community. Katie does this by guiding parents and adults with disabilities through the decisions they face as their child grows and reaches certain milestone years and life events, and offering options to address each challenge along the way.

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Dr. Lisa Konick is a licensed clinical psychologist with expertise in the evaluation and treatment of a range of psychological and behavioral problems, including depression and mood disorders, anxiety, attention and hyperactivity (ADHD), and autism spectrum disorders. Dr. Konick earned her doctoral degree from Northern Illinois University and completed her psychology internship at Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital.

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Toni Van Laarhoven teaches courses in the areas of developmental disabilities and autism, assistive technology, and applied behavior analysis at Northern Illinois University. She has worked in the field professionally for over thirty years and has conducted and published several research studies on the effectiveness of using video-based instruction for promoting independence among individuals with ASD and/or developmental disabilities.

## **KIM WHITE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Kimberly White is the Executive Director of the Career & Networking Center a non-profit organization assisting clients in job/career transition since 1996. Kim is actively involved in her community serving on the Turning Pointe Autism Foundation Board, the Indian Prairie Educational Foundation Board, and is Chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee for the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce. Kim has been recognized with community leadership and business awards, including, the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Month and Glen Ellyn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Woman in Leadership award.

# RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FROM PANELISTS

## **Konick and Associates**

This webpage has links to general autism resources as well COVID-19 specific resources.  
<https://www.konickandassociates.com/resources>

## **Rollins Support for Autism Caregivers**

Provides tools and resources and advice to those caring for an individual on the spectrum  
<https://blogs.rollins.edu/autismsupport/?fbclid=IwAR1bgo4R0V12UJanEU36L52BhTgRkEhcRWe6BS40zCrzrGXmpReQ7-eO3YE>

## **Special Needs Planning Parent Timeline**

Breaks down financial planning steps you should be taking at every age of your child.  
[Document attached to the end of this packet.](#)

## **What is a Special Needs Planning Attorney?**

[Guide attached to the end of this packet.](#)

## **Special Needs Planning Checklist**

Comprehensive list of documents to have when planning for your child's future.  
[Document attached to the end of this packet.](#)

## **Career and Networking Center**

Includes resources on how to start the career search and useful webinars.  
<https://www.careernetworkingcenter.org/job-seekers>

## **Virtual tours**

Includes links to tour museums, art galleries and historical landmarks across the globe.  
<https://www.timeout.com/travel/virtual-museum-tours>

## **Tippy Talk Application**

TippyTalk allows a person with a verbal disability to communicate by translating pictures into text messages, which are then sent to a family member or caregiver's phone.  
<https://www.tippy-talk.com/>

# RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FROM PANELISTS

## **Educating All Learners Alliance**

This organization supports learners with complex needs. They developed a wonderful website with several resources.

<https://www.educatingalllearners.org/>

## **Distance Learning for Special Education**

Resources on this website are provided by educators and families from around the world. We are collaborating to support the needs of students with significant disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. These materials are open source and may be adapted to fit your child or student's need.

<https://sites.google.com/view/distance-learning-specialed/home>

## **Council for Exceptional Children**

The Council for Exceptional Children has several free resources for teaching remotely and for parents and practitioners.

<https://cec.sped.org/Tools-and-Resources>

## **UNC Resources for Supporting Individuals with Autism**

Researchers from UNC developed a toolkit for supporting individuals with ASD. There is a free toolkit and it is available at

<https://ed.unc.edu/2020/03/19/unc-team-creates-online-toolkit-for-those-supporting-individuals-with-autism-during-covid-19-epidemic/?fbclid=IwAR1vDtUqbFOelDpFUs0fxIS5clXqQgi1PlnW6wVfFgp4oF1v2ppv0g6Q2cU>

## **Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies from the University of Maine**

Developed COVID-19 Disability Resources on their page. There are several links provided that will take you to resources for early childhood, school aged children and more.

<https://ccids.umaine.edu/covid-19-and-disability-resources/?fbclid=IwAR096coWafeyBszcwNO3gOYOhyrG39kGPj0SykZiuqVAmlXumHgGICzH600>

## **North Carolina Division on Developmental Disabilities**

This organization provides free resources for individuals with disabilities.

<https://tinyurl.com/qgjj88k>

## **Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities (DADD) of the Council for Exceptional Children**

This organization developed an online learning portal with resources for teaching various skills.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1TT7BYekli1kXqJfAv58vvUcdZDHPIGqE>

# RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FROM PANELISTS

## **Boardmaker Activities-to-Go**

Boardmaker is offering a great resource for obtaining free visually-based teaching resources  
<https://goboardmaker.com/pages/activities-to-go>

## **Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA)**

This is one of the premier assistive technology associations and they are providing several free webinars and resources for practitioners and families. There are several resources and webinars for supporting communication. <https://www.atia.org/covid19-resources/>

## **Texas A&M University Assistive Technology Free Resources**

This website offers links to assistive technology that is providing free trials or limited trials.  
<https://its.tamucc.edu/accessibility/accommodations/covid-19.html>

## **Shake Up Learning**

This blog provides tutorials for how to create learning activities using Google Resources and how to integrate technology in the classroom.

<https://shakeuplearning.com/technology-integration-classroom/>

This link provides remote learning resources for school closures.

<https://shakeuplearning.com/remoteteaching/>

This is a link to how to create drag and drop activities using Google slides from Shake Up Learning.

<https://shakeuplearning.com/blog/how-to-create-drag-and-drop-activities-with-google-slides-suls027/?fbclid=IwAR2zuetnlxMIXI52-IYnRHv0v4Cznm27eli4PAoa6V5s1uXW9wOk9u2x3eg>

## **New2You**

This company has several software titles that are very popular among students with developmental disabilities and/or autism. (News2You, Unique Learning Systems, L2Skills, SymbolStix, and Positivity) and are offering free trials of the software.

<https://www.n2y.com/trial/>

## **Educating All Learners Alliance Tools and Technology**

This page provides outstanding resources and links to technology tools.

<https://www.educatingalllearners.org/tools-and-technology-resources>

## **Learning Keeps Going**

Provides fantastic links to technology resources and webinars.

<https://www.learningkeepsgoing.org/>

# ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FROM THE TURNING POINTE TEAM

## SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY RESOURCES

### AAC Daily Calendar

This site has a calendar and ideas for daily activities

<https://sites.google.com/view/escdaac/aac-calendar?authuser=0AAC>

### Manual-AAC-for-Caregivers

This resource is produced by the Specialized Assistive Technology Centre (ATC), SPD in conjunction with their AAC for Caregivers program. SPD is a charity in Singapore set up to help people with disabilities of all ages to maximize their potential and integrate them into mainstream society. The Specialized ATC in SPD conducts assessments and intervention for people with disabilities who need Assistive Technology to live, learn, work and play. They also provide training for caregivers and professionals who actively engage with persons with disabilities. For more information about the AAC for Caregivers program, please email [atc@spd.org.sg](mailto:atc@spd.org.sg)

[Manual attached to the end of this booklet.](#)

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RESOURCES

### Fun & Function:

This website has OT based activities for families, they also have been releasing free webinars for parents

<https://funandfunction.com/education/corona-learning-resources.html>

### OT Toolbox:

This is a huge resource of activities to do at home and explains what skills it will help improve

<https://www.theottoolbox.com/blog/>

## OTHER RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

### Autism Certification Center

This website offers 30+ hours of educational resources for members of the autism community

[autismcertificationcenter.org/here-to-help](http://autismcertificationcenter.org/here-to-help)