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Dear Summit Parents and Caregivers,

These past two weeks have been the most challenging we have faced as a Summit community. The continued spread of coronavirus and resulting closure of Summit Academy through April 20, as well as the suspension of our STEPS and respite programs, has created enormous challenges for all of us – but especially for the more than 1,300 children and adults we serve.

As we navigate these challenging waters, I want to assure you that the Summit team will continue to support you as best we can. Here's a brief recap of a few of the things we're doing as of today:

- Summit Academy has provided educational materials to all parents, via mail. Teachers and teams are communicating with families at least twice per week and providing additional supports, as needed.
- Community Services Supervisors and Direct Service Providers are checking in with the individuals they work with and their families on a weekly basis or more often as needed.
- S.T.E.P.S. (day hab) and prevocational service providers will be delivering packets with activities to homes or via email so program participants can continue to work on structured activities related to their valued outcomes for those services.
- Our Behavioral Pediatrics Clinic and Health Home providers continue to offer services via telehealth.

In addition, our leadership team and many support staff are working remotely monitoring new developments and directives from state and local officials and helping to ensure the continuity of our business and administrative functions. We are in constant communication with each other every day.

We will continue to update you with important information as it becomes available. If you haven't already, I encourage you to sign up for School Messenger to receive alerts by text, phone, and/or email at <https://www.thesummitcenter.org/parent-resource/e-alert-sign-up/>. Additional resources are available on our website at www.TheSummitCenter.org under the Parent Resources tab.

Thank you for your on-going cooperation and continued support. Please keep yourselves and your families safe and healthy. Although our doors are closed for now, we are still here for you and your family and will continue to be for the duration of this crisis.

Sincerely,



Stephen R. Anderson, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Chief Executive Officer