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# Webinar: ESA+ Fall 2023 Check-In

#### Friday, November 3, 12 – 1 pm

We want to make sure that families have the information they need to successfully navigate the ESA+ program. During this webinar we'll provide program updates and reminders about:

- Payment Process
- Allowable expenses
- Updated eligibility determination
- School Transfers
- Tax Implications

Register <u>here</u>

## Reminders

#### **Continuing Eligibility**

Families must provide updated documentation of their student's disability every three years to remain eligible for the ESA+ program. A Continuing Eligibility Task has been added to MyPortal for students who have a 2020 eligibility determination on file. The Continuing Eligibility Task must be completed by January 1, 2024.

For options to complete the Continuing Eligibility Task, please see <u>Documentation of a Disability</u> (scroll down the page to the "Renewing Families" section).

Why is Continuing Eligibility important?

Without updated disability documentation. a student's spring funds, ClassWallet account, and renewal will be placed on hold.

### **Resources and Upcoming Events**

NOTE: Events and resources sponsored by organizations other than SEAA are listed as a courtesy to our ESA+ families. SEAA is not responsible for any representations or information provided to the public by non-affiliated organizations.

**Eastern Transition Event, "Finding Your Next Steps"** – November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 p.m., NC Health and Human Services will host a free event for high school and college-aged students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind at the Wilson County Agricultural Center. Topics include transitioning from high school to adulthood, rights and responsibilities, and advocacy. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Register by November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Homeschool Field Trip** – On November 3, North Carolinians for Home Education (NCHE) will host a field trip to the Lazy 5 Ranch in Mooresville. Admission includes petting zoo, drive-through park, horse-drawn wagon tour and picnic area access. <u>Registrations</u> taken until 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, November 1, 2023 or while ticket supply lasts. Cost: before 2nd birthday: free, students: 2-18: \$15, adults: 19+: \$19.50.

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