

ESA+ News You Can Use

Welcome to the ESA+ newsletter for families – your source for the latest news and important information about the North Carolina ESA+ program!

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Happy New Year from the ESA+ program team! The start of a new semester is a great time to focus on some important housekeeping tasks:

Check MyPortal and make sure your email address is current— We send all communications through MyPortal. Each time we send a message in MyPortal, the same message is sent to the email you provided when you set up your account. If it's not an email address that you check regularly, now is a good time to change it in MyPortal.

Are your tasks complete in MyPortal? – For families who have completed all their outstanding tasks in MyPortal:

- Homeschool families with completed tasks will receive their spring funds in ClassWallet beginning the week of January 3rd.
- Spring funds will be sent to schools beginning the week of January 22nd.
- If a family has funds remaining after schools are paid, those funds will be sent to ClassWallet beginning in late January.

Check your to-do list to make sure your tasks are up to date.

Update Eligibility Documents – Any family with an eligibility determination from 2020 must update it or lose their spring funding We are contacting these families through MyPortal and phone calls. If you are unsure whether your document is outdated, check your MyPortal notifications. You can find more information about this process on the <u>Documentation of a Disability web page</u>

(scroll to "renewing families").

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.

ASL Storytelling Time – Starting January 12th, NC DSDHH will host monthly American Sign Language storytelling time for children through Zoom. For more information see the <u>Flyer</u>.

Workshop for Parents of Teens with IDD— On January 24th from 5:30 — 6:30 pm, the Family Support Network of North Carolina will host a free workshop to help families of teens with IDD navigate conversations around puberty, body changes, boundaries, and social media. In person and virtual options are available. <u>More information</u>

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