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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



*Tips & strategies
for effective virtual
communication for working
with individuals with
special needs.*

EVENT LOCATION

<https://militaryfamilieslearningnetwork.org/event/98765/>

Back to School 2021: Getting Ready for Virtually Anything

Major disruptions occurred to the school year in 2020-21 that resulted in unprecedented educational challenges for students with special needs, their parents, caregivers, teachers, and service providers. In addition to instructional concerns, all involved needed to rapidly develop and enforce a virtual infrastructure that not only supplemented but substituted for quality in-person interactions and engagement. This webinar, presented as a sequel to the “Back to School: Special Needs and Social Distancing” seeks to alleviate some of these concerns and will discuss tips and strategies for effective virtual communication and interactive engagement between parents/caregivers and: (1) school personnel in charge of social distancing and COVID-19 related safety; (2) the student’s teachers; and (3) service providers.

PRESENTER

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Lakshmi Mahadevan has a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology with an emphasis in Career Development Education from Texas A&M University. Her areas of expertise include career assessment, post-secondary options for individuals with special needs, special education and multicultural career counseling. As Associate Professor and Extension Specialist – Special Populations, Dr. Mahadevan has over ten years of experience in conducting face-to-face and online professional development with educators in Texas addressing various special populations-related issues (particularly students with disabilities and English Language Learners). Her other activities include program evaluation, conducting workshops and presentations, preparing newsletters, creating webcasts and special interest web materials, maintaining and supervising the design of online modules, maintaining websites, liaison with stakeholders and experts, preparing evaluation reports, and providing technical assistance.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

- **Social Work, LPC, LMFT:** The MFLN Military Caregiving concentration will apply for continuing education (CE) credit from the UT Austin Steve Hicks School of Social Work for credentialed and licensed professionals (social workers, LPC, LMFT).
- **Case Manager:** This program has been submitted to the Commission for Case Manager Certification for approval to provide board certified case managers with 1.0 clock hours.
- **Board Certified Patient Advocates (BCPA):** This program has been pre-approved by The Patient Advocate Certification Board to provide continuing education credit to BCPA. The course has been approved for a total of 1.0 CE contact hour.
- **Certified Family Life Educators (CFLE):** This program has been approved by the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) for 1.0 CE credit for CFLE.
- **Certificates of completion** are available for participants interested in receiving training hours.

