



Dawson County Schools

April 20, 2020

Support While Sheltering In Place



The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Georgia will host a webinar for parents called *Ending the Silence* (ETS).

ETS for families is a 50-minute presentation that teaches parents to recognize the warning signs in their teen and how to talk to them about their concerns.

April 28, 2020
10 – 11:30 a.m.

The presentation is **FREE** and will be held via the Zoom platform. Join at the link shown below.

<https://zoom.us/j/92289768831>



Why Should You Participate in the U.S. 2020 CENSUS?

The U.S. Census results help to determine how billions of dollars of federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. Areas such as highway planning & construction, Head Start education program, and grants that support local teachers and special education services. Other areas include support to rural locations, wildlife preservation, and provision of housing for older adults. Census research indicates that at least 132 different programs utilized Census data to distribute more than \$675 billion in funds during the 2015 fiscal year. See the full report [here](#).

Dawson County Schools annually receives federal funding to support the school nutrition program, students who are academically disadvantaged (Title I-A), teacher quality (Title II-A), students with English as a second language (Title III-A), student support and enrichment (Title IV-A), individuals with disabilities (Title VI-B, IDEA), career technical and agricultural education (Perkins), education for homeless children and youth (MKV), and more. The district relies on federal funds to provide additional support to those specialized groups. These funds provide teaching and instructional supports that are over and above the standard state and locally funded instructional program. ***Your participation makes a difference to education!!***

It's not too late to complete your 2020 Census. April 1 was not a "deadline". You can still complete online, by mail, or by phone.

- ONLINE: Go to <https://my2020census.gov> (Use computer, tablet, or phone)
- BY PHONE – Call 1-844-330-2020 (English), or 1-844-468-2020 (Spanish)
- BY MAIL – Return the form that was sent in the mail.

Economic Impact Stimulus Payments



The IRS began sending stimulus payments last week. Some people received their checks as early as last Wednesday, 4/15/20.

- **Who is Eligible?**

(<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/economic-impact-payments-what-you-need-to-know>)

- U.S. Citizens or resident aliens who...
 - Have a Social Security number
 - Are not claimed on another person's tax return
 - Has an adjusted gross income under certain limits (up to \$75,000 individuals or \$150,000 married couples)

- **How Much Will I Receive?**

(<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/blog/guide-covid-19-economic-stimulus-checks/>)

- AGI (adjusted gross income) individuals up to \$75,000 or \$150,000 couples receive the full amount
- \$1,200 for individuals or \$2,400 for married couples and \$500 for each qualifying child

- **How Will I Receive Payment?**

(<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/economic-impact-payments-what-you-need-to-know>)

- No action is needed IF you...
 - Filed a federal income tax return for 2018 or 2019
 - Received Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), or survivor benefits
 - Receive Railroad Retirement benefits
- If any of these apply to you, payment will be direct deposited into your bank account in the same way as your tax refund.

- **What if I Didn't File a 2018 or 2019 Tax Return?**

- Non-filers or those who have not filed a federal return in the past two years
 - Enter payment data online at (<https://www.freefilefillableforms.com/#/fd/EconomicImpactPayment>)
 - 1099 filers...the IRS will use that data to calculate your payment

- **What if I Need to Provide My Direct Deposit Information?**

- The Treasury will open a web-based portal for individuals to provide their information

- **Where Can I Find More Information?**

(<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>)

- **Where Can I Find The Status of My Payment?**

(<https://sa.www4.irs.gov/irfof-wmsp/notice>)

Parenting Can Be Tough!

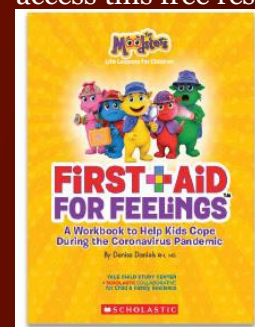
Asking for help doesn't have to be

There are many resources available through the Prevent Child Abuse Georgia organization. PCA is able to find nearby resources to assist parents with questions about parenting, childcare, legal aid referrals, grandparents raising children, counseling services, and other supports. Their helpline staff can answer simple questions or get you to the right resources for more difficult situations. To reach the helpline, dial...

1-800-CHILDREN (1-800-244-5373)
The service is **FREE** and is open Monday – Friday (8 a.m. – 6 p.m.)
You may also visit their website at www.pcasegeorgiahelpline.org

FREE Parent Resource

The Yale Child Study Center and Scholastic Collaborative for Child & Family Resilience have designed a free workbook to help children and families cope with their feelings, stress, and anxiety during the Coronavirus pandemic. Although it is written for younger children, with a little creativity, the ideas and strategies could be utilized with older children as well. Click on the link below to access this free resource.



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Thank you to Sharon Heard at Family Promise of Forsyth County for sharing her summary of helpful links! To learn more about Family Promise, go to <https://www.fpforsyth.org/>.