



**MEMO:**

Date: September 2, 2020

To: MVLE Individuals, Families, Guardians and Group Homes

From: April Pinch Keeler, President & CEO

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We hope everyone has enjoyed a safe and healthy summer. The start of a new Fall Season brings the opportunity to re-energize and get excited for new program announcements! We understand this has been a challenging time for you and your families. We greatly appreciate your continued support and patience as we navigate our reopening plans and transition to virtual learning.

**Virtual Learning Services:**

1. **Power of Possible Curriculum:** We are excited that we have been able to offer remote classes and volunteer opportunities throughout the summer, and we will be expanding these opportunities beginning, Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. MVLE's Power of Possible Curriculum will have two tracks, Employment and Group Day Services.

Classes will be provided via the Zoom platform, Monday-Friday, and will range from 30-45 minutes each session. This is a great opportunity to connect with others and learn new skills.

The September schedule of classes with Zoom links will be sent out next week. Staff will be calling individuals and families that are interested in participating, explain the process, and ensure everyone has the technology needed to attend and participate.

2. **Virtual Volunteer Programs:** MVLE will continue to offer virtual volunteer programming as well. Monthly schedules of events can be found online at <https://www.mvle.org/get-involved/events-list/>. During September we are offering over 38 volunteer activities Monday-Thursday at 10am, 11am, and 1pm. We have attached the volunteer calendar and if you are interested in participating in these activities please contact Sabrina Gibson.
3. **Morning Moves 2.0:** Morning Moves is offered via Zoom to anyone who wishes to participate every morning, Monday-Friday at 10am. This is an innovative, interactive dance and expressive arts class for people of all ages and abilities. Registration information can be found on the link above and the monthly volunteer activity schedule.
4. **MPower Me- MyGuide:** MVLE has partnered with MPower Me to provide remote services for those funded by a Medicaid Waiver to receive programming through the MyGuide assistive technology. MyGuide is a mobile app-based accommodation for skill development and supported communication that also offers a tools and capabilities for caregivers and professionals to provide services and supports where and when the user chooses, both remotely and in person. MyGuide plays digital lessons on a mobile device and can provide customized step-by-step instructions for interactions, experiences, routines and tasks.

While we realize many of you are waiting anxiously for programs to resume in our MVLE facilities we must be extremely cautious with any plans to open onsite programs in order to ensure everyone's health and safety. Due to this MVLE facilities remain closed at this time.

We look forward to working with everyone in this new and exciting way!

Stay Safe!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'April Pinch Keeler'.

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