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On Thursday, May 27th, NCHAM will be hosting the webinar: "Discovering Affordable Technology Access for Families" Presented by: Tawny Holmes and Zainab Alkebsi.

Abstract/Description:

An increasing number of EHDI resources are becoming "green" (paperless) or virtual, but that means families with limited access to internet may be left in the dust. This presentation will share immediately usable information about free or affordable technology access that is available to families with lower socio-economic status. This technology access is required/funded by the federal government, and often is not common knowledge among early intervention professionals. Did you know that families may be qualified for free or $10 a month wireless internet? Did you know that parents may qualify for a $10 a month cell phone bill? Free iPads? This company-neutral presentation by a national advocacy organization is strictly focused on providing information on all major telecommunications companies' offers as mandated/provided by federal law. Come and learn more so you can support your families with teleintervention (including virtual learning, apps, webinars) and more wonderful electronic resources out there!

Learning Objectives:

· Parents and professionals will be able to list various avenues to receive affordable technology access.

· Participants will develop strategies for families to apply for technology access.

· Participants will locate relevant websites and companies where they can proceed with applications.

Presenters:

Tawny Holmes Hlibok is the Education Policy Counsel at the National Association of the Deaf along with being Assistant Professor in the Department of ASL and Deaf Studies at Gallaudet University. She graduated from University of Baltimore School of Law. In addition to her law degree with a family mediation & law certification, she has a Master of Arts in Family Centered Early Education. Ms. Holmes has worked three years in teaching deaf and hard of hearing students, mainly in the early childhood education field. As part of her position, she focuses on improving/establishing federal and state policy related to early intervention and education of deaf and hard of hearing children. Ms. Holmes strongly believes in the power of collaboration and has contributed a significant amount of her work towards this endeavor, in varying ways, from promoting parent resources to inclusion of deaf and hard of hearing adult professionals.

Zainab Alkebsi, Esq. is the Policy Counsel at the National Association of the Deaf (NAD). She is responsible for providing analysis, recommendations, and counsel to the NAD on policy issues affecting people who are deaf and hard of hearing. Prior to joining the NAD, she served as Deputy Director at the Maryland Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing where she coordinated the office's legislative and policy efforts. Licensed to practice law in Maryland, she is also a member of the American Bar Association and the Maryland State Bar Association. She received her J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law. She also has a B.A. in Political Science from University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC).

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If you have questions about this webinar, please contact Mandy Jay (mailto:mandy.jay@usu.edu). For technical assistance during the webinar, please contact Daniel Ladner (mailto:Daniel.Ladner@usu.edu).

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