

Adapting in the time of the virus

As you know, CIELO de Amor has been affected by the Covid 19 crisis, as have all organizations around the world. Although we have had to change how we deliver services, we continue to move forward and build on the momentum we have gained over the last 6 years. We closed the center to children March 19th 2020, but staff and families have been keeping busy from home and we have started direct services again since August 24th.



Several families including Alexa's have built parallel bars in their home



Staff are taking online courses, and creating powerpoint and videos for future training

Our focus

- * staying connected as a staff team and with the families we serve
- * providing information and resources to keep safe during the virus
- * reinforcing and adapting strategies for families to use with their children at home
- * making connections with other organizations including taking online courses to build our skills
- * using this opportunity to create new resources including
 - * a) fabricating bath seats from PVC pipes,
 - * b) creating a variety of curriculum materials
 - * c) making masks for staff and families
 - * d) creating powerpoint and videos for future trainings
 - * e) developing a data base to track our wheelchair services



Staff have learned to make bath seats for children with cerebral palsy.

We are in process of creating a data base to track our wheelchair services and provision.

Over the last few weeks staff have returned to working at the center and are starting to evaluate the needs of the children and young adults and determine how to provide direct services in a way that is safe for everyone.



Staff, children and families are resilient, adaptive, flexible and hopeful

The equipment loaned to families continues to build the children's strength and skills



Gerardos' mother practices the strategies Jahoska taught her at CIELO de Amor. Jahoska coaches via video calls



Families take the strategies learned at CIELO de Amor to their homes. Staff share new ideas as the children develop their skills



Carla builds her skills during daily routines. She loves to help water the plants at home.



Xiomara using our new sewing machine to make masks for staff and families



Jeremy enjoying learning through play at home with guidance from staff.



Hoping you and your families are staying safe and well.

Thanks so much for making it possible to continue supporting the children, families and staff of CIELO de Amor.

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