

# CHARTER CHATTER

A COLLABORATIVE NEWSLETTER BETWEEN ACES AND PCSNM FOR  
CHARTER SCHOOLS **AUGUST 2020**



## **SPOTLIGHT ON VENDORS**

### **ONLINE ANCILLARY SERVICES**

#### **TALKPATH LIVE**

As we embrace our new virtual schooling world, we wanted to highlight the services provided by TalkPath Live (TPL). TPL is a web-based ancillary service provider offering New Mexico Charter Schools IEP-required therapy and interventions in the fields of speech-language, occupational and physical therapy, counseling, and early intervention.

TalkPath Live leverages educational and therapeutic technology to provide teletherapy that is convenient, secure, affordable, and effective. The services are just as effective, in fact (and in some cases more so) than traditional in-person therapy. With TPL, highly trained and qualified therapists connect directly with students online—live, in real time, for one-on-one therapy sessions. Web-based tools and instructional strategies maximize screen time and fully engage today's technology-oriented students. Lesson plans are customized, scheduling is flexible, and services are reimbursable via Medicaid in the School.

I am VERY excited to take on the challenge of leading ACES in providing services that support New Mexico Charter Schools. Over the past 28 years, I have been an elementary school teacher, an elementary and middle school principal, and a charter leader in New Mexico. I am a NMSU graduate, spent most of my career in Artesia, and have been back in Las Cruces for the past two years. I recently decided to retire from the public education setting to seek other opportunities. I am looking forward to this new experience of fulfilling ACES mission of lowering operating costs to put those savings back into classrooms. I will be reaching out to get ideas on how ACES can help, especially in these difficult times. We are here for you, so let us know how we can be of assistance!

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TPL currently has New Mexico licensed and credentialed SLPs, OTs, PTs, and counselors at the ready to meet your school's needs, and they're happy to serve as your primary provider or as a secondary source, for however many students and hours you need, with no minimum requirements. Best of all, TalkPath Live can reach any student anywhere at any time, expertly and compassionately treating the full array of communicative, cognitive, mobility, and developmental deficits, disorders, and disabilities.



## LINKS AND RESOURCES

- This resource provides an overview of the reopening plans of all the largest school districts in the country. It was put together by the Center for Reinventing Public Education, and will continue to be updated: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WLwHgQvoWT1op6RALANmwOE7akFfDEJGbkLeXEQnEes/edit#gid=1380586561>

- Two big factors in the larger educational landscape during these times: Private Schools: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/05/us/schools-reopening-private-public.html>; and pods, which are inspiring one large district to compete in a unique way: <https://www.wfyi.org/news/articles/sites-will-offer-indy-students-free-in-person-e-learning-care>

- New Mexico is more "ready to open" based on one analysis: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/08/14/opinion/politics/covid-school-reopening-guidelines.html>