



DONALD J. CORBETT ADOPTION AGENCY

Message from CAP Executive Director Lauri McKnight

Children Awaiting Parents is well aware of the challenges and impact that the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis is having on families and children, especially on the mental health of those children and youth already traumatized and at-risk due to their difficult circumstances.

More than ever, we want to reassure you that we are adhering to the most up-to-date CDC guidelines, both in how we protect ourselves as staff, and how we protect the families and children we serve through providing remote support. Everyone is vulnerable to this virus. It doesn't matter your age, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or political party. COVID-19 does not discriminate.

To paraphrase NYS Governor Cuomo, this is the time for "we" not "me." We must all do our part and protect ourselves and one another!

Here is the link to the CDC's recommendations regarding the use of cloth face coverings. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

*Additionally, in response to the **even more urgent need for foster and adoptive parents** due to the pandemic, CAP has adjusted its upcoming parent training to offer "**Deciding Together,**" a highly personalized, trauma-informed family preparation and selection program. [**Please click this link for full information.**](#)*

Sending virtual support from all of us at CAP to all of you. Please stay safe and don't forget to check in by phone or text with those who are alone or in vulnerable situations. Together we will see this through.