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EP!C Families, Guardians, and Advocates,

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As we approach the end of May, EP!C had another busy week. We are thankful we ended this week with no additional positive cases of COVID-19. I thank our staff every day, in my daily letter, for how hard they work in the battle against the spread of the virus. There were two "We Miss You" parades this week. One was a drive by parade for our friends that live in homes with Life Points in Morton. The other involved our Host Home team, along with other EP!C team members, greeted the residents and providers of our Host Homes and Supported Living Programs yesterday during a drive-by parade in front of the Townline building. We made signs expressing how we missed all our friends along with music, lots of cheering, our own dancing dinosaur, and a fire truck from the nearby fire station. EP!C is grateful for our dedicated Host Home team members and providers who continue to ensure the safety and health of the people we support.

The Program and Work Place workgroups made significant progress this week. They focused on plans to reopen Day Services at our Townline location, support our residents as they prepare to be reunited with family, friends, and the world around them. Doris will be sending out a memo this week on guidelines for family visits for the families of people we serve residentially.

As I mentioned last week, EP!C is waiting for the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) to provide licensed programs with new requirements and restrictions in the reopening of Community Day Service Programs. Unfortunately, on Wednesday, IDHS sent a memo stating Day Service Programs must remain closed until June 30th. This is disappointing news for our residents, staff, and many of our friends who live at home and with other provider agencies. We will continue to use this time to prepare for the day we can reopen along with expanding the virtual programming opportunities we are developing to offer remotely.

Remember at any time you have questions please feel free to call or email:

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Take care,

Kim Cornwell, CEO

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