Arizona Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)
Report from the Field
March 30, 2021 Meeting

Date of Report	3/22/19
Member	Christopher Tiffany
Stakeholder Group(s)	Parent of Children with Disabilities (child age birth through 26) **If you are filling a dual role, please indicate the additional role below:**
What is currently the stakeholder group's biggest concern?	The biggest concerns right now for the families, that Raising Special Kids works with, continues to be disruption due to COVID-19. Families are reporting concerns about reopening and making difficult decisions to send children back to school, or to keep them at home in distance learning or hybrid environments. Both options seem to be equally difficult due to uncertainty over district and charter school's embracing of virus mitigation processes and procedures.
What is working well?	Home and school communication is generally working well. Parents report knowing and understanding reopening plans and are generally in regular contact with their child's teacher.
What need(s) does the stakeholder group express?	There seems to be broad support for continued Medicaid flexibilities for parents and families to continue to support students with disabilities in remote education settings.
What suggestions/ideas has the stakeholder group put forward, if any?	Parents and families are engaged in various advocacy efforts around the continuation of Arizona Medicaid flexibilities. Many of the flexibilities are dependent on federal approval and Public Health Emergency (PHE) designation, and we are working on parent information around this issue.