



Lumin Education's Response to COVID-19 Shelter in Place

The sobering news is this: Scientific studies show that persistent anxiety has a negative impact on a child's brain development. Creating a low-stress environment is vital to a successful education, and at Lumin we believe that environment begins with parents.

In response to these challenges, Lumin has created an At-Home Learning Program with three key components:

1. Partner with Parents to identify the challenges faced by each family
2. Work in Solidarity with Parents to link parents with each other and with the larger community to offer emotional support and practical resources
3. Create a Dynamic Learning Environment with Parents at Home, knowing that each of the 600 plus families we serve has different strengths and needs

We are seeing encouraging results from our efforts. Fathers, many of whom have lost their jobs, are connecting with each other through virtual meetings as part of our Fatherhood Initiative. Mothers are spreading the word about Lumin's network of resources, including counseling, healthy meals and where to find diapers. Children are sending each other encouraging notes and pictures.

Plans for the 2020-21 school year are still being determined. Please check our website and social media for updates.

