The 2020-2021 school year is off to a novel start as teachers and adult allies are tasked with engaging students virtually. This season may present elevated risk for some of our students due to increased exposure to maltreatment, neglect, substance use in the home, or reduced access to external supports. This document is intended to provide support, behaviors of concern, and local resources at your disposal.

**LOOK AND LISTEN FOR:**
- Anything in the background that appears dangerous, especially drug paraphernalia, disarray or broken items.
- Behavior or actions differ from baseline when an adult walks into the room
- Disheveled appearance or clothing that is worn multiple days in a row
- Agitation, lack of eye contact, unusually skittish or jumpy. Dilated or pin-point pupils
- Loud, aggressive, inappropriate or confrontational conversations occurring in the background
- Turning off the camera, muting sound, or dozing off
- Difficulty engaging with content and conversation

**WHAT TO DO:**
- Build rapport with students so they know you are a safe adult
- Remind students to keep their cameras on during Zoom to monitor engagement and increase connection
- Keep students informed about virtual community groups and other remote opportunities to connect with safe adults
- Ask students to use headphones so conversations remain private
- Observe the background environment and changes in the environment
- Maintain a positive relationship with the adults in the household to make check ins natural
- Regularly check in on students who you feel are at more risk

Educators are Mandated Reporters: If you witness or suspect a situation that threatens the safety and well-being of a child or vulnerable adult, please call:

1-888-227-3487
RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES AND TEENS

The Forrester Center for Behavioral Health
Outpatient substance use & behavioral health services.
www.theforrestercenter.org
864.582.7588

Birth Matters
Teen pregnancy prevention and pregnancy support.
www.birth-matters.org/imatter/about-imatter
864.621.2878

Emerge Family Therapy
Affordable counseling services
www.emergeftc.org
864.583.1010

Safe Homes Rape Crisis Coalition
Services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
www.shrcc.org
24/7 confidential hotline: 864.583.9803

Hope Center for Children
Free Positive Parenting Program and counseling services for youth.
www.hopefc.org
864.583.7688

PFLAG Spartanburg
Monthly Peer Support group for adults and families needing support and resources.
www.pflagspartanburg.org/
864.583.1010

More teen-friendly providers
www.connectspartanburg.org

MEETING VIRTUALLY THIS FALL

- Bloom Upstate - weekly self-esteem and leadership development opportunities young women ages 8-18
  - info@bloomupstate.org or 864-497-6048

- Connect Ambassadors - educating peers about health resources
  - send a direct message to @connectspartanburg on Instagram

  - www.upliftoutreachcenter.org or 864.381.7234

- Parks & Recreation - Multiple groups and mentoring opportunities each week
  - dstewart@cityofspartanburg.org 864-580-5266
  - one on one sessions with Wanda Cheeks-Holmes (by appointment) - 864-809-3007

EDUCATOR RESOURCES

- Impact Spartanburg - Addressing adolescent substance use
  - www.impactspartanburg.org/educator

- Operation Parent - Free webinars on a range of important topics
  - www.operationparent.org/resource-type/webinar

- Distance and Blended Learning - Spartanburg-specific learning resources
  - www.learnwithsam.org/distanceblended-learning-resources-site

- Out-of-School-Time Collaborative - A network of partners improving, expanding, and sustaining high quality afterschool and summer programming for youth
  - www.learnwithsam.org/ost