MCSC Presentation June 2020
Impact of COVID-19

• Our members are college students, so they were impacted by university shutdowns (loss of housing, financial aid, etc)
• We serve in preschools who at first stopped allowing volunteers into the school and eventually shutdown all together
• For safety reasons our members were no longer able to serve in-person
• Members were never allowed the opportunity to say good-bye to children
Impact of Covid

• When our model of putting trained caring adults in the classroom to work individually or in small groups with children was no longer possible because of COVID-19, we began to provide what we internally referred to as our pivot programming.

• We created online resources, partnered with preschools to directly send updates to families and did intentional outreach to send more information through text with our Ready4K program. Some sites even found ways to support live readings for families.
Alternative Service Planning

- There is a workgroup of staff from across the country currently researching and make recommendations of how we could provide additional programming through the summer that will lead to us launching and testing new ideas in the fall.
- This fall we are preparing to support a breadth of options from our regular programming (where allowable/possible) to the possibility of having no access to children in classrooms coupled with not being able to have in person contact with college students. We are preparing to address these extremes as well as many options in between.
- Preparing for multiple scenarios!