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We are living hard times throughout this pandemic, but we can say that there has been offering a lot of help to New Yorkers to support them. The government has been assisting and supporting many New Yorkers. However, it won't only support families, but they need to take all children into consideration too. In some cases, it is difficult to make a better environment to support children's exceptionalities and their families. As described in my previous study plans, there have been changes around my neighborhood that lack support for children with special needs. Such as keeping our community safe and clean. Other than assisting children and families in the pandemic, an advocacy plan can be made to make an even more supportive system for exceptional children. Starting with sanitation, it is always good to maintain a fresh environment that can release all the toxins in the air for the health of our children. By this, it is important to plan and work as a community by stopping littering. As a community, we can all come up with a list of all the high risks that are putting everyone in danger to make the littering stop. To do that, everyone must be able to be part of an advocacy plan for our environment. It would not only help sanitation companies but all residents and families with children.

To proceed in making a supportive community for exceptional children, I notice in my observation that all the parks around my neighborhood were not entirely inclusive for children with special needs. I believe that a plan can be made to make accessible playgrounds for all children. The parks will provide safety features to minimize injuries and allow everyone to enjoy themselves. Many Americans struggle to find playgrounds that are accessible and inclusive for all children. These would create a better opportunity to help all children feel happy and included. Not only they would be included but also outdoor play plays an important role in a child's development. Accessible playgrounds can also help strengthen the children's development such as their gross motor skills in increasing their muscle strength, social skills, problem-solving, and self-control. It will also improve their physical fitness and mental health. Having accessible playgrounds would give the children an opportunity to develop their skills and improve their domains for exceptional children.

With so many special needs families my community is lacking emotional support groups that will help them. Time has changed and I believe that bullying still exists and is important to create a plan for families who are struggling mentally and need support for those who are experiencing their child being bullied based on their disability's majority in their schools. This plan can include support groups that can help their mental health for those families that feel alone and isolated and would help their children move forward with their support. Emotional support groups are a big help in our community for families who feel unsupportive. I believe that this kind of support will help the community build institutes that families can rely on and can bring positivity and enlightenment to our children's and family's lives. These support groups can be held in their own schools and in public institutes. Support groups can be a big help, especially families experiencing the pandemic. There can be a lot more support that can also provide many

resources and workshops that will assist in supporting families with exceptional children. It is understood that some families cannot attend in-person support systems, but they will be offered online support groups that will help accommodate them. This will help families get the support they need in every way possible.

I know that danger is everywhere you go, and it is hard to stop it from happening, but safety is important in every child's life. Sadly, there is nothing we can do to stop it but working as a community we can help prevent it to protect our little ones. Therefore, it is important to work together and think of a plan to prevent crimes from happening. No one needs to confront these acts of violence, and everyone is supposed to feel safe everywhere they go without looking at their surroundings. One thing we can do is to protest violence to at least let our voices be heard. Violence from guns to assaulting can be harmful to our children and it is very hard for families to rely on our neighborhood.

In my neighborhood I notice a lot of programs activities for children that will help them explore, learn, socialize, and develop their skills, such as karate, ballet, and piano lessons, but less for children with special needs. Another advocacy plan that we can support and provide is opening programs for special needs children that can build their self-esteem, skills, friendships, and sense of belonging. Interacting in a shared endeavor with other children can be especially rewarding. Most children require help developing their cognitive skills and other skills they need to improve. Activities such as piano lessons, sports, singing and instrumental activities, theater, visual arts, horseback riding, etc. would be a great way for children to communicate and socialize with others. This will also help them figure out what are their biggest interests and could make it a hobby of their own.

Inclusion is important in our community. If we make these advocacy plans, our neighborhood would be a better and safer place to live in. It is important to accept and respect all children in the world by including them and supporting their needs in our neighborhood. Making these changes would benefit all families in supporting their goals and needs. It would also create better outcomes that can make children all learn and make an even better environment. It is time to make a difference and that is by putting our children first and doing our best to provide them with special accommodations and opportunities for their education and well-being.