

**Below are ideas shared by community partners  
in regard to how they are handling this situation.**

**We are all in this together.**

**...See if any of these can be helpful for you.**

### **CREATE BALANCE, FOCUS AND PRODUCTIVITY**

- **Twice as Nice Mother and Child**, a nonprofit organization serving Lake County, has chosen to remain open and operational to continue serving families in need.
- **Marilyn Krieger, Executive Director of Zion Benton Park District** knew her team was having trouble creating their “new norm”. Here was her advice: *“Take each day and dedicate time to the areas of your life that are important to you.”*
  - *Your self*
  - *Your well being*
  - *Your family*
  - *Your work*
- Many leaders are reporting that they have explained to their teams that they don’t expect the same level of productivity as before and have asked staff to come up with a weekly action plan and report on progress either daily or at the end of the week. Some teams are using google docs to keep the entire team informed on status, progress made on individual and group projects.
- Career and Technical Education teachers from Buffalo Grove and Wheeling high schools of **Township High School District 214** decided to use their spring break to be *productive* in a time of need and designed a prototype for a protective face shield and started producing them with 3D printers. The Makerspace and Entrepreneur Center at **Harper College** joined the effort using the lab’s laser cutters. Local first responders got involved and made the final decision on the design given their expertise with PPE. **Columbia College** fashion students launched [#ColumbiaMakesMasks](#) by providing cotton covers to prolong the usable life of PPE. Fine examples of focus and productivity during this pandemic.