

Stay Connected

How to Keep in Touch and Provide Support from Afar

- 1. Establish a communication plan
 - a. Find a time for a voice or video call at least once/week
- 2. Network with other parents
 - a. Get roommates' contact info and roommates' parents' contact info
 - b. Connect with parents whose kids are in college or who are experiencing similar struggles
- 3. Be a better listener
 - a. Prioritize listening over talking, teaching, questioning, etc.
- 4. Give honest answers
 - a. Respect that your teen is becoming an adult and can handle the truth
- 5. Don't react in a way that will cut off further discussion
 - a. Remain open and non-judgmental
- 6. Have the hard conversations
 - a. Role-play ways to refuse drugs in different situations
 - b. Acknowledge how tough these moments can be



