#NCSconnects Virtual Activity

**Activity:** The Family We Choose/My Family App

**Category:** Culture, Civic and Community Connections

**Suggested Grade Level:** Grades 7-12

**Description:** We are going to become engineers and design our own apps! Each App should describe all your family members. And remember, we are creating these apps so we need to use our imaginations and be creative! In this activity, you’ll identify the people you think of as family. Think of anyone who listens to you, doesn’t put you down, celebrates your achievements, tries to understand you, doesn’t judge you, and makes you happy.

**Supplies:**
- Pencils
- Scissors
- Journal
- Colors
- Template on next page

**Instructions:** Before we start, we need to define family. For this activity we are going to define family as anyone who we strongly care about and who cares about us. While blood makes us related, it is not blood that creates families. We might not be aware of it all the time, but our family members are those who we know we can rely on and have our backs.

1. Let’s make a draft first: Use your journals to draw different icons that describe each family member and write a short sentence of why you choose that icon.
   a. For example: Tree = childhood friend. I chose the tree because our friendship has grown through the years just like the tree.
2. Once you have all your icons ready, use the templates provided on the next page and cut them out along the outside lines.
3. Draw and color the icons on one side of the small paper.
4. Glue the other side of the small paper to the phone template.
5. On the back of your icon drawing, write the relationship with the person you are describing.
6. On the phone template, write down the name of the parson you are describing.
7. Lastly, have fun decorating your phone case, and glue on your journal.

My Family Apps

Relationship: Childhood Friend.
Reason: I choose the tree because our friendship has grown through the years just like the tree.