



## FEDERAL PROGRAMS

### ESSA FOSTER CARE AND MILITARY-CONNECTED PROGRAM

#### Our Program Credo

We are invested in removing barriers for success in school by providing supplemental resources

We aspire to provide comfortable care and positive service in support of the whole child

We pledge to be consistent, timely, flexible and knowledgeable in our partnership

We connect resources to students, caregivers and community.

Helping where we can. One support at a time.

#### Supplemental basic need online request form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/QGYR4ZL7EPmlBbP92>

#### Suitcase Project online request form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/SnvRcCw9axI7yFGF2>

#### WHO ARE WE?

We are a resource for DPS foster care, kinship and military-connected families. Newer ESSA (Every Students Succeeds Act) authorizations for foster care and military-connected students went into effect in 2017. We are ensuring DPS is in compliance with these federal guidelines but we have also worked to increase services to include resources.

#### WHO CAN WE IDENTIFY?

We can identify students with active duty military parents/guardians. Active duty includes but is not limited to full-time training duty, annual training duty, and attendance, while in the active military service, at a school designated as a service school by law or by the secretary of the military department in which the member serves.

We can identify foster or kinship students *in formalized out of home placement* (this entails child welfare involvement)

#### HOW DO WE HELP?

We have a request form for district staff and a referral process for Denver Human Services to refer foster/kinship students. Families can self-identify on the *federal programs form* in the enrollment packet. *Schools can fax those forms to 720-259-8781.*

We provide supplemental school readiness items as well as emergency basic needs.

Students in foster care are categorically eligible for free lunch and fee waivers.

#### WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

We have two websites with resource information. We also have a resource directory for foster and kinship care families. Items we provide to students are from donors, title set-asides, Medicaid funds and grants.

CONTACT US: <https://childservices.dpsk12.org>

<http://thecommons.dpsk12.org/Page/1480> Military-Connected

<http://thecommons.dpsk12.org/Page/2109> Foster Care

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