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# ESSA Foster Care and Military-Connected Programs

Ways we can connect with school based staff during back to  
school 2020-2021

## Welcome to 20-21 School Year!

Our program (s) aim is to connect with you on behalf of students and families during this remote time. We want to offer a variety of ways to provide our program information:

- via phone conversation
- via Google meets
- via recorded webinar
- via hard copy deck



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# Webinar Recordings

Browse school assignment list to view program liaison and then feel free to listen to their 5 minute webinar

link to liaison school assignment list:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/132e0jksCy23Tfqp8M51yAeT\\_IF5vM80i](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/132e0jksCy23Tfqp8M51yAeT_IF5vM80i)

link to Allison's webinar:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vcfNPVLWyQ0aHWzx9AzH7z1sE6izMNB7>

link to Heidi's webinar:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vcfNPVLWyQ0aHWzx9AzH7z1sE6izMNB7>



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## Ways to refer students and families to our program (s)

- via our programs referral form:
  - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16T1oqVzqWXL8T176icBMmNu7rKHAVN7oG5iVsdtwqsVQ/edit>
- via phone conversation with a program liaison
- via email exchange of information with a program liaison
- via Google Meets conversation with a program liaison

- *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 and the department of human services has custody of the student
  - Kinship needs to meet the definition of foster care for our program to identify the student as foster care (residing in a kinship placement)



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# Resources- General

from our two programs supporting foster care and military-connected families

## Foster and Kinship Care Denver Community Resource Directory:

<https://childservices.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/72/DPS-ESSA-Foster-and-Kinship-Care-Denver-Community-Resource-Directory-.pdf>

## Military-Connected Denver Community Resource Directory:

<https://childservices.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/72/COVID-19-and-various-Denver-Community-Resources-Directory-1.pdf>

## Back to School Letter link:

<http://thecommons.dpsk12.org/cms/lib/C001900837/Centricity/Domain/31/20-21%20ESSA%20Program%20Introduction%20for%20Schools.pdf>

## Our program (s) websites:

- <https://childservices.dpsk12.org/foster-kinship-care/>
- <https://childservices.dpsk12.org/military-connected/>

## Our program (s) Commons pages:

<http://thecommons.dpsk12.org/Page/2109> <http://thecommons.dpsk12.org/Page/1480>

# Resources- our program (s) services

what students may need or feel supported by

- Free school meal assistance for foster care students
- Help with clothing, hygiene kits, shoes, school supplies, and emergency food cards/resources
  - Can shop for foster/military-connected families at Clothes to Kids
- Help with payment of school fees and waivers
- Home visits from program liaisons to support guardians/providers
  - *\*Through Oct. 16th visits will be held virtually and supplies delivered through contactless delivery*
- Mobile Book Library and Supplemental Learning Bags
- High School Journal Program
- Suitcase and Comfort Bag Project
- Collaboration to support the student/family school experience



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## A way to tell us what you need in supporting your school and students

For back to school 20-21, we recognize the complexities and the priorities that support staff will face. For this reason we created a feedback form. In this space you can share what could be helpful when engaging with our program services. Please feel free to take a few moments to complete.

### Link to form:

<https://forms.gle/FWwWJeezAyFhhtMM9>



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we're here for you

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Our team is here for you and our precious students and families!  
Take good care! Connect with us to share on how we can best  
collaborate during the 20-21 school year

