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
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/132eOjksCy23Tfqp8M51yAeT_IF5vM8Oi

link to Allison’s webinar:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vcfNPVLWyQ0aHWzx9AzH7z1sE6izMNB7

link to Heidi’s webinar:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vcfNPVLWyQ0aHWzx9AzH7z1sE6izMNB7
Ways to refer students and families to our program(s)

- via our programs referral form:
  - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16T1oqVzqWXI8T176icBMmNu7rKHVN7oG5iVsdtwqsVQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16T1oqVzqWXI8T176icBMmNu7rKHVN7oG5iVsdtwqsVQ/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)
from our two programs supporting foster care and military-connected families

Foster and Kinship Care Denver Community Resource Directory:

Military-Connected Denver Community Resource Directory:

Back to School Letter link:

Our program (s) websites:
- https://childservices.dpsk12.org/military-connected/

Our program (s) Commons pages:
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
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
How to reach us
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.

Sometimes we need someone to simply be there… Not to fix anything or do anything in particular, but just to let us feel we are supported and cared about.