Every Day Matters

School + You = Success

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Support and Resources for [Your Community’s] Children

Meeting the many needs of a child can be challenging, and every family encounters obstacles along the way. Oregonians believe in the importance of caring for the ‘whole’ child – both mind and body. Thanks to the work of non-profit organizations, state and county programs, and
school-based offerings, parents can access extra help when needed.

Education is the path to long-term success for every child. Getting each student to school and avoiding regular absences is vital. Common reasons students miss school include:

* Transportation to school
* Recurring illness or dental issue
* Physical needs such as clothing or food
* Motivation to get to school
* Challenges with academics
* Housing or homelessness
* Emotional or issues with peers, including bullying
* Conflicts with parent work schedules

We have “helper” organizations ready to help with solutions to get your child to school. Please reach out for more information. They are active partners in our Every Day Matters effort.

Transportation: The school district website has information about bus routes. You can also speak to the office staff at your child’s school.

Recurring illness or dental issue:[Your local resource name goes here] can provide health and dental care for your child. Call [PHONE NUMBER HERE] to get started.

**Physical needs such as clothing or food:** Your school can connect you with these supports, including [FOOD BANK NAME HERE]. We have arrangements with local groups such as [EXAMPLE HERE], to provide clothing and school supplies. If you have clothing but no laundry facilities, [provide suggestion here].

Motivation to get to school:Look at every-day-matters.org for tips and tools to get out the door in the morning. Still stumped? Ask friends and family for their ideas, or speak to your child’s teacher.

Challenges with academics:If your student is struggling with homework or feeling lost at school, please contact the teacher right away. Keep in mind that staying home will only make things worse.

Housing or homelessness: [YOUR TOWN’s NAME, YOUR HOUSING AGENCY OR NON-PROFIT HERE] can assist you, or direct you to the best agency. [Phone and email here].

Emotional or issues with peers, including bullying:If you suspect your student is being bullied or having other issues with friends, speak with him or her. It’s important to share this concern with your school as well. Learn more at [stopbullying.gov](file:///C%3A/Users/cathy/Downloads/stopbullying.org).

Conflicts with parent work schedules:If your work schedule sometimes interferes with getting your child to school, it’s important to come up with a back-up plan. Make a pact with another parent, ask a trusted neighbor, or speak with your school for more ideas.