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To Families with school age children, personal support workers, provider agencies and CDDPs

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

Subject: Support workers and school services

The school year has begun and more children have returned to school in person. Please read this reminder about the role of personal support workers (PSWs) and direct support professionals (DSPs) who support children.

PSWs and DSPs help children and youth with needs at home before and after the school day. These include eating, showering, dressing and similar activities.

PSWs and DSPs cannot provide services on school grounds or school busses. While “on the clock,” they cannot transport children to and from school.

PSWs and DSPs cannot perform educational tasks, even if children are learning at home.

In limited circumstances, ODDS may approve an exception that allows a PSW or DSP to provide **attendant care** for children and youth who cannot attend public school. Read [Policy Transmittal 22-081, “Attendant Care During the School Day,”](#) for more details.

Please note: There is **no exception** to the prohibition on ODDS-funded workers attending a public or private school with a child, riding a school bus, or performing educational tasks.

For more information about these rules and policies, read [ODDS rules for Community Living Supports](#).

Thank you for following ODDS' guidance and rules. Have a great school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" that loops around.

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