

Foster Care & Education

COVID-19

Child Welfare Agency Checklist

May 2020

1. Partner with Schools

- **Know what schools offer.**
 - Ensure access to meals.
 - Ensure Access to school-related resources and services.
- **Communicate regularly with schools.**
 - Get current information from schools.
 - Provide current information to schools.
 - Plan for post COVID-19 transitions.
- **Continue or create new cross system collaborations and communication structures.**
 - Tap existing school-agency collaborations.
 - Discuss key roles and responsibilities.
 - Work together at the systemic and individual levels.

2. Support the Education and Well-Being of Students in Foster Care

- **Ensure the student has access to school materials and resource, including technology to benefit from remote learning opportunities.**
 - Provide technology when needed.
 - Provide educational materials and supports when needed.
- **Ensure student's social/emotional needs are met.**
- **Encourage school engagement.**

3. Support Caregivers

- **Provide information about school resources.**
- **Provide additional support to caregivers when needed.**

4. Prioritize Students in Foster Care with Special Education Needs

- **Reach out to children with disabilities and their caretakers to determine supports needed.**
- **Work closely with schools to identify ongoing needs of students under IDEA.**
- **Clarify who is the child's education decision maker.**
- **Reach out to the legal education advocacy community.**
- **Address the needs of young children birth through age 5.**

