



Support the Education of Children Who Have Experienced Abuse or Neglect

By Ensuring Stability in the School They Attend or a Seamless Transition to a New School

Children who are removed from their home due to abuse or neglect face a number of transitions when they are placed with a relative or foster parent. Prioritizing staying in their own school—when a child is facing other significant transitions—can offer stability during a traumatic time. When remaining in the school where they were most recently enrolled is in the best interest of the child, that school stability can keep children who have been placed in out-of-home care on a path to graduation while minimizing the burden on schools and frontline workers. When remaining in that school is not in the best interest of the child, ensuring immediate enrollment and quick and accurate transfer of their records and credits will also help keep those kids on a path to graduation.

Uninterrupted education can support academic success for children removed from their home due to abuse or neglect:

Ensure an educational experience that puts all kids on a track to success

Transitions between schools can set children back, both because they have to learn to navigate a new school and because their records and credits may not transfer quickly, meaning a loss of important learning time. Allowing these children to have the most stable experience possible will keep them on a path to graduation and prepared to enter a career or post-secondary education.

Help children who have experienced trauma maintain relationships with friends and caring adults

Kids who have experienced abuse and neglect need caring relationships. By allowing children who have been removed from their home—or who have had a change in placement—to remain in their schools, they are able to build relationships with teachers and other students, who may be the only consistent relationships they have.

Minimize the burden on schools and other state agencies

Allowing these children to remain in their schools reduces the bureaucratic burden on schools and the agencies who have to coordinate the transition between schools. Minimizing unnecessary school changes will create a more efficient system.

Blueprint for Kentucky's Children Solution:

Support the education of kids who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect by allowing them to remain in the school where they were most recently enrolled or, when that is not in their best interest, ensuring a seamless transition to their new school.



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