

# Working with Families

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## What gifts do parents experiencing homelessness bring to supporting the education of their children?

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**School Supplies**

**Determination**

**A different perspective. A sincere desire to work with us collaboratively to make sure their students get the education they need.**

**determination, resilience**

**Experience inspires motivation**

**Pushing for equal treatment.**

advocate for their educational needs to make sure they don't fall behind.

They bring gifts of patience and gratefulness

**Motivation and unique prospectives.**

**grateful for help and willing to work together with the school**

**The relay resources**

**Gift**

the partnership with the parent and teacher to ensure the student is kept up with all materials and necessary work so the child doesn't fall behind

**general appreciation**

**They remind us that all of our resources are for our students and help us clear red tape**

**Gift**

Families are ensuring their children are attending school.

**Advocacy, history, support**

**Advocating for well being of student**

**They are always involved in the child education and making sure they are doing what they need to do because education is a great opportunity to grow in to a new life**

**Gifts**

Parents bring the gift of love and caring for their children despite their challenging circumstances

**Dedication and motivation**

**Parents are very concerned that their children do not fall behind and ensure that children are going to school everyday.**

**They provide consistency in the child's life.**

**Partner with schools for consistency of education, food access**

**They are resilient and learn how to access many programs and supports for their families.**

### **Gift**

Unique perspective

**Passion for a better life. Striving for more.**

**Parents bring knowledge and perspective**

### **gift**

focus on education and support

**a genuine desire to make sure their children are getting what they need**

**Strong advocates for children's needs**

**Making sure they attend school so they do not fall behind**

**They advocate for their children to get their needs met.**

### **Gifts**

Parents are motivated and greatly value education. They also value family and community and often find it in schooling communities.

### **Gift**

Families experiencing homelessness bring the gift of a different perspective of experiencing education especially in urban areas

**Parents have a strong drive to ensure that their children get the best education possible.**

**They want to make sure they are being educated and not falling behind.**

## **What challenges do parents experiencing homelessness bring to supporting the education of their children?**

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Feeling of loneliness and unsure where to get information

**Their own negative experiences with school can influence their willingness to collaborate with us. Lack of ability to meet even basic needs. Transportation to medical appts, mental health appts, substance abuse counseling, etc....**

**no cell phone minutes and difficulty communicating with school.**

**Helping children deal with emotional issues - depression due to situation, anger issues**

**Basic needs, resources or avenues to supports, own experiences, rights**

**Understanding their restrictions**

**Not knowing where they can get resources**

### **Challenges**

Not fully understanding what resources are available to them

**Challenges would be transportation and buying the children there basic needs like books and uniforms**

**Language barrier**

**Lack the resources to provide technology, transportation, and safety in these urban areas.**

**transportation & finances**

**Challenges**

Feeling insecure

**Providing basic supplies for their children's education such as uniform, pencils, backpacks, etc.**

**At times, parents do not know the rights of their children have when they are experiencing homelessness.**

**No transportation, lack of consistency, lack of basic needs**

**There is limited access to internet, supplies, child care and transportation**

**Transportation! And it is a challenge for us to provide given shortages. Rides can be long or force us to adjust daily schedules.**

**Access to basic needs, like food, and clothing.**

**difficulty with involvement due to transportation, financial needs, child care issues**

**Financial struggles; lack of trust**

**Challenges**

Access to internet

Access to hygiene products and clean clothes

Access to Transportation

**challenges**

humility

**Access to transportation, technology, items needed to participate in school**

**Purchasing uniforms**

**access to resources**

wi , clothes, weather approp. items

**Challenges with access to medical care**

**No internet**

**Resources; transportation, clothing (uniforms)**

**lack of resource materials ( books, devices)**

**Internet access**

**Challenges**

They struggle to access adequate wi- and transportation.

**Buying uniform**

**transportation**

**Access to equitable supportive services**

Biggest challenge is Access to equitable supportive services

**personal support networks**

**Transportation and access to Wifi**

**transportation difficulties**

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**access to wifi**

**Access to internet and transportation,  
uniforms for our school**

**Transportation difficulties**

**They. have a hard time commuting and  
access to tech (wifi)**

**inconsistency with ability to  
contact/communicate with them**

**Limited school supplies/resources**

**access to easy transportation**

**Obtaining food**

**access to transportation**

**Transportation issues**

**Challenges commuting from their location to  
their scholar's school.**

**Inconsistent communication**

**access to laundry / uniforms**

**Transportation difficulties**

**Bus transportation and health immunization**

**access to internet**

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