



TAPESTRY

Adoption & Foster Care Ministry

**Back to School:
Strategies to Help Your Child Have a
Positive School Experience**

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Focusing on Our Kids

- Education is a need and a right for all kids
- *Adopted or Foster...* they are not labels; they are facts
- Our children (foster and adopted children) have unique histories and unique needs
- Foster children are often at greater risk in school environments
- You are your child's advocate...learn to advocate well




**Keys to Help You
Advocate Well**

Be Proactive




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**Be a Partner,
Not a Pest**




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**Remember that
Expectations Matter**




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**Share About Your
Child's History**




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Understand the Process for Obtaining Help




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Know Your Rights




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Handle Labels With Care




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Remember the “2 Thing Rule”



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Leave School at School
(as much as possible)



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Take Diversity & Bullying Seriously



**Resources to Help
You Advocate Well**

- *The Connected Child*, by Purvis, Cross & Lyons Sunshine
- *Wounded Children Healing Homes*, by Schooler, Keefer Smalley & Callahan
- *Answers to Questions Teachers Ask About Sensory Integration*, by Koomar, Kranowitz & Sklut
- Adoptive Families Magazine: Adoption & School - www.adoptivefamilies.com/school/index.php
- Complete resource list can be found at <http://tapestryministry.org/?p=2108>