



**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



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**Keys to Help You  
Advocate Well**

**Be Proactive**



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Keys to Help You Advocate Well

Be a Partner,  
Not a Pest



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Keys to Help You Advocate Well

Remember that  
Expectations Matter



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Keys to Help You Advocate Well

Share About Your  
Child's History



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**Keys to Help You Advocate Well**

**Understand the Process for Obtaining Help**



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**Keys to Help You Advocate Well**

**Know Your Rights**



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**Keys to Help You Advocate Well**

**Handle Labels With Care**



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**Keys to Help You Advocate Well**

**Remember the “2 Thing Rule”**



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**Keys to Help You Advocate Well**

**Leave School at School**  
(as much as possible)



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**Keys to Help You Advocate Well**

**Take Diversity & Bullying Seriously**



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**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](http://www.adoptivefamilies.com/school/index.php)
- Complete resource list can be found at <http://tapestryministry.org/?p=2108>



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