## **School Clothes and School Supplies**

**Categories**: Children and Families

Suggestions for families in Connecticut seeking basic school supplies and school clothing for their children:

- Families in need who live in medium or small sized towns may be able to get help from the town's social service department. Some towns have small foundations or other charities that help with money or vouchers. Big city social service departments usually do not provide financial help to individuals.
- Parents can contact their child's school and speak to the school principal, social worker, or their child's teacher to see if they can help or if they have any ideas.
- Local Salvation Army Corps and Extension Units may assist.
- If your child's school requires a uniform, ask if the school offers a uniform exchange program as an alternative to buying a new uniform. Also, ask neighbors and friends with older children if they have any outgrown uniforms.
- If the child's teacher belongs to the Connecticut Education Foundation the teacher can apply to the Children's Fund for assistance. (Parents cannot apply directly.) NOTE: Not all teachers belong to this union.
- If the family is involved with a community agency or a church, they can check to see if the agency or church offers a program for members in need.

## TO FIND PROVIDERS IN CONNECTICUT'S COMMUNITY RESOURCES DATABASE:

Search by service names:

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