



## **NKSD Office of Family Learning Information for Families**

### **Programs**

- **Blessings in a Backpack**

Blessings in a Backpack provides food on the weekend for students who experience food insecurity at home. Each week students are sent home with a bag containing two lunches, two snacks, and two breakfasts.

Contact: 541-6351 or [blessings@nksd.net](mailto:blessings@nksd.net)

- **Child Outreach**

Child Outreach is a free developmental screening program for children ages 3-5 to ensure all children have a good start to kindergarten. We provide information about child development and connections with local resources to support NK families. Contact: 541-6350 or [donna\\_colucci@nksd.net](mailto:donna_colucci@nksd.net).

- **Community Events**

We host family and youth activities and events throughout the year. Look for information in Fun Flyers, through your school's listserv or on the Office of Family Learning Facebook page.

Contact: 541-6373 or [maya-jane\\_lima@nksd.net](mailto:maya-jane_lima@nksd.net).

- **Community Resource "Wrap" Session**

Every Wednesday from 3:00-5:00 staff from RI Legal Services housing unit and Tri County Community Action's Family Care Community Partnership Program are at the OFL office to meet with families. We help with issues including eviction prevention and sealing, accessing DHS benefits, and more. A free clothing and basic needs closet is available for families visiting at that time.

Contact 541-6353 or [lydia\\_hanhardt@nksd.net](mailto:lydia_hanhardt@nksd.net).

- **Homeless Services**

OFL houses the NKSD Homeless Liaison who works to provide support to NKSD displaced families. She helps address student and family needs including school transportation, school enrollment, and academic support.

Contact Lydia Hanhardt at 541-6353 or [lydia\\_hanhardt@nksd.net](mailto:lydia_hanhardt@nksd.net).

- **Parents as Teachers (PAT)**

PAT is a home visiting program open to families with children prenatal to kindergarten entry. Our Parent Educator, Robynne Wildman, works with everyone from teen moms to older adult guardians to support child development.



She also hosts a weekly drop-in playgroup and a school readiness program for ages 3-5 called Here We Grow. Families can contact [pat@nksd.net](mailto:pat@nksd.net) or 541-6351 for more information.

- **Quidnessett Family Center**

The Quidnessett Family Center provides after school programming and support for students and families of Quidnessett Elementary School. The Family Center works to offer opportunities for both students and families to connect with the Quidnessett School Community. For more information email [qesfamilycenter@nksd.net](mailto:qesfamilycenter@nksd.net) or call 541-6373.

- **Summer Squad Summer Learning Program**

Our summer learning program is offered to children entering grades 1-6. It provides 6 weeks of academic enrichment led by certified teachers. It is a free summer option that is fun and will help kids avoid the “summer slide.” For more information contact 541-6353 or [lydia\\_hanhardt@nksd.net](mailto:lydia_hanhardt@nksd.net).

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