



# HANDLE WITH CARE

Congratulations! Your school district and local first responders have decided to work together to help your kids! Here's how:



## WHAT IS HANDLE WITH CARE?

Handle With Care (HWC) is a communication system between first responders and school districts to ensure that children who have experienced trauma are identified and supported.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

When first responders arrive on the scene of a traumatic event where children are present, they will send a notification to your school district with the following information:

- Name
- Age
- School
- Handle this child with care

That's it! No other personal information is shared. The school district will receive this information before the start of the school day, and will be able to better support that child in school that day and beyond.

## HOW DOES HWC HELP STUDENTS?

- Identifies the kids most at risk
- Provides teachers with a heads up
- Connects children with accessible mental health services if needed
- Strengthens and improves relationships in the community
- Improves academic, social-emotional and behavior outcomes

## HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact your school administrators or your superintendents office.

### Or, contact:



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