

Quick Assistance Addressing Temporary Hardships

The Learning Communities Foundation's Family Support Fund exists to support families engaged in PSESD programs when temporary hardship impacts their child's ability to attend school or childcare. Quickly and simply, the Family Support Fund provides housing, essential items or transportation support, to parents of youth engaged in PSESD programs. We understand that learning and thriving happens only after the basic needs of shelter, safety, and health are met.

Despite dispersing \$40,000 in family support throughout 2024, we did not meet all the need. With your support, we hope to raise \$75,000 for this fund in 2025.

The Family Support Fund provides common necessities that make a world of difference relative to safety and health—such as car seats and diapers. Most often, the fund expends \$500—\$1,500 per family, for rent when emergencies arise.

Stories of Impact

Parents and children receiving early learning through PSESD's programs (e.g., Headstart), qualify because they are financially stretched. Often living paycheck to paycheck, one medical issue, or apartment disruption can result in many missed school or work days, or it can lead to life upheaval and homelessness.

The Family Support Fund provides vital assistance in circumstances like these:

Housing

- When unemployment checks don't come fast enough, or a week-long illness causes a rent shortfall, the FSF is there to help.
- When home dynamics are unsafe, the FSF covers a hotel stay for temporary refuge for the guardian and children.



How To Give



Basic Needs

- When disability income prohibits working extra hours to afford the next size carseat for a growing child, the FSF provides a means to a safe car ride.
- When a home burns down, the FSF covers hygiene items, groceries, clothes, and diapers to get families through the first weeks of turmoil.

Transportation

- When prohibitive gas pricing requires a choice between driving to preschool or commuting to work, the FSF provides gas cards.
- When driving lessons are needed, the FSF covers driver training to enable income earning and safe family transportation.

The FSF is trending towards a 123% increase in the number of families served and at least an 11% increase in rental requests in 2025!

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