



Educators Can Assist Caregiving Youth!

You may have a youth caregiver in your class...a student who provides care for a family member who is ill, injured, elderly or disabled.

Your student may:

- ◆ Arrive late or be absent from school
- ◆ Be unable to attend school events
- ◆ Lack parent participation
- ◆ Have incomplete or late assignments
- ◆ Exhibit an inability to focus on learning
- ◆ Appear unkempt, isolated, anxious or depressed
- ◆ Lack resources for lunch, activities or projects

You can help by:

- ◆ Becoming a knowledgeable resource for concerned parents & grandparents struggling with the effects of family health situations on their child's education
- ◆ Referring concerns to AACY, the guidance counselor or school nurse
- ◆ Encouraging students and their families to contact the Caregiving Youth Project
- ◆ Supporting school and counseling staff in identifying student-caregivers
- ◆ Advocating for youth caregivers in educational and professional groups
- ◆ Providing valuable feedback to CYP staff by email or call 561-391-7401
- ◆ Connecting caregiving youth with internet resources such as:
 - www.aacy.org (American Association of Caregiving Youth)
 - www.afateens.org (for teens caring for family with Alzheimer's disease)
 - www.nationalmssociety.org (for children with a family member with M.S.)
 - www.youngcarers.net.au (Young Carers in Australia)
 - www.youngcarers.net (Young Carers in the U.K.)

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