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Handle with Care is very simple: law enforcement officers at the scene of a crime or accident identify children who have been exposed to trauma and notify the child's school. There is no information being given except the child's name, age and school. The notice is sent in a confidential email and/or text notification to the child's school before the start of the school day with these three words: "Handle With Care".

Example of the email notification:

Message from KY STATE POLICE, POST 17: Please handle with care. The children referenced below were on the scene of a police action in the last 24 hours and could exhibit academic, emotional and/or behavioral problems as a result of exposure to a traumatic event.

SCHOOL NAME: Springfield Elementary

SMITH JAMES AGE 7 2ND GRADE

SMITH SALLY AGE 8 3RD GRADE

The premise of Handle With Care is to mitigate the negative effects of trauma on children. In the event the child exhibits problematic behavior, the teacher has an early notification of possible exposure to trauma and may provide care and understanding versus discipline and punishment. When school interventions are not sufficient, school counselors or therapists can provide necessary services.

Enrolling for notification is easy:

1. Simply contact the Kentucky State Police post that covers your county;
2. Ask to speak to the Victims Advocate located at the post;
3. Provide the email address (es) and telephone numbers for notifications of the staff within your school that you would like to receive the Handle with Care notifications. We suggest several contacts per school in the event one or more contacts is absent.



If you have questions related to The Handle with Care Program or the process for enrollment, please contact Angela Parker, Strategic Planning Branch, angela.parker@ky.gov , 502-782-1848.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Brewer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "B".

Rodney Brewer
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