



## **Educational Tutorial Services Provides Tutoring for Children and Youth in Foster Care**

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Educational Tutorial Services is a national company that collaborates with social service agencies, foster parents, case workers, schools and non-for-profit organizations while providing tutoring services for special needs or at-risk children and adults.

The company currently provides a solution to the ongoing problem educators continue to experience, "How to overcome the learning gap with foster care students." They will work with any foster care agency in the United States to provide academic remediation to their youth. Educational Tutorial Services currently assists agencies with "tracking capability" by following their students (foster children) to any area of the country so that the tutoring Educational Tutorial Services provides does not cease. This is one way Educational Tutorial Services helps to alleviate the learning gap experienced by the children and youth. The average child in foster care will transfer to different families and different schools an average of 8 to 10 times until they reach adulthood, a fact known, documented and witnessed by Lisa Russell, Director of Educational Tutorial Services.

Foster children constantly struggle with having to adjust to different educational expectations, curricula and educators. This creates a need for the school systems to provide additional attention and tutoring for the students, however, the schools fall short in most cases as they are not equipped or financed to provide the special care these children deserve. Funding is a critical issue nationwide. Although, the "No Child Left Behind" legislation provides for some of the foster kids attending poor performing schools, however, it leaves behind the majority that do not qualify for funding. Then, it is up to the foster care agencies or other organizations to pick up the tab and find other resources to accommodate their children and youth's ever-growing educational needs. Legislation only provides free tutoring for a small portion of foster care children that qualify according to federal guidelines. This specific population lacks basic reading and math skills more so than their classmates do to their frequent relocations to new foster parents and schools.

Educational Tutorial Services continually sees many of the students who receive tutoring through their organization, making significant progress within a short period of time. A study of twenty-one 4th graders showed an increase of two grade levels of reading within one year of study at 2 hours per week. Many of their high school students do graduate, a much different outlook than national studies provide. Most often foster care parents do not have to pay for the tutoring sessions offered by Educational Tutorial Services. The foster care agencies or other charitable organizations usually will pay for services that are deemed to be necessary by the school or case manager. Once Educational Tutorial Services is contacted and hired by a foster care agency, they provide pre, interim and post assessments, monthly progress reports and constant communication between the tutor, school

and case manager.

Lisa Russell states as a reminder to all that "education is not a luxury, it is a necessity." Foster care children will not be left behind when given the opportunity to access all resources available to them.

For more information, please visit [www.educationaltutorialservices.com](http://www.educationaltutorialservices.com)

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