



Mission: The mission of **Care to Learn** is to provide immediate funding to meet emergent health, hunger or hygiene needs so every child can be successful in school.

Health: **Care to Learn** helps students keep their medical, dental and mental health appointments by providing cab vouchers or bus passes. **Care to Learn** has also purchased eye glasses and hearing aids for students. By caring for students early, they will not experience development delays that will affect their ability to learn.

Hunger: **Care to Learn** helps school personnel identify the characteristics of a hungry child – inactivity, lethargy, reduction in play and exploration, impaired acquisition of communication, reasoning and problem-solving skills. Nutritional meals are then provided to students through the popular backpack program as well as snack closets. **Care to Learn** also assists with the cost of school breakfasts and lunches for students who may not qualify for the free and/or reduced lunch program but do not have the money for school meals.

Hygiene: **Care to Learn** provides immediate access to basic hygiene items – brushes, combs, tissues, soap shampoo, deodorant, and toothbrushes. Through a confidential and simple voucher system, **Care to Learn** also provides new shoes, coats, underwear, socks and clothing.

Care to Learn partners with school districts, various local businesses and other non-profits to meet the needs of our students. Please contact your school counselor, nurse, principal or Dr. Jill Schowe (Warren County R-III School District Care to Learn Coordinator) to find out more.