

# Did You Know?

Whether working with families during CPS investigations, in-home case work or when children are placed in foster care, building relationships with the various schools in your county will make your job much easier.

During investigations involving school aged children, workers have a face to face interview with school personnel when school is in session. School staff, such as teachers or counselors, who have an ongoing, continuous relationship with a child victim and a legitimate interest, may receive basic information contained in a child protective services report. When interviewing children, who are collaterals, and are not the alleged victim of abuse or neglect, the SSW does not share information about the report.

When school is in session and the child is of school age, the Social Services Worker is required to notify the school within two (2) working days:

- At the beginning of an investigation or assessment, when the child is a victim of alleged abuse or neglect;
- At the conclusion of the agency's work with the family; and
- When a child is placed in out of home care (OOHC) to provide a list of who may contact the child at school and who may pick up and drop off the child.

