

Helping children from struggling families Watch for behavior changes such as:

- · Sleeping in class
- Consistently unprepared for the day (weather inappropriate clothing, no school supplies, missing homework, etc.)
- · Chronically hungry
- Struggles with anger and aggression
- · Drastically more/less emotional than usual
- · Poor hygiene

If you suspect that a child is being abused or neglected you can call (440) 998-1811 to bring your concern to the attention of the Ashtabula County Children Services Board.

If you do not suspect abuse or neglect, but instead know that your concerns for a child in your class are directly related to issues of poverty, advising a family to call 2-1-1 to talk over their challenges could connect them to one of many Ashtabula County resources to help with the following:

- · Homelessness or housing insecurity (threat of eviction, couch surfing)
- · Utility assistance
- · Addiction and recovery services
- · Food insecurity
- · Clothing costs
- Mental health services (including case management, another person to help connect needy families who qualify to resources!)
- Transportation
- Support services for at-risk transition aged youth (14-24)

