

The Basics ~ Study Buddies

Read your tutoring packet; check on the internet and/or with your classroom teacher for other helpful tips. Don't worry if you feel some anxiety and uncertainty the first few times you are in a classroom, especially if it's ELL or ABE – it's totally normal to feel that way! It will pass, and you will have a very rewarding, fun semester.

Just jump in, and be confident, and focus on building relationships!

Mandated Reporting

If you're working with children or vulnerable adults through our programs, you are a mandated reporter. This means that you are required to report any suspicion of abuse or neglect concerning a child or vulnerable adult. Suspicion may arise from physical observations or verbal reports from the child/vulnerable adult. As a trusted adult in the life of the individual, it is your responsibility to follow through. Do not panic – your report does not mean that the child/vulnerable adult will be immediately yanked from his/her home. It does not mean that you will become embroiled in a long legal procedure. It simply means that you are making a report that social services can follow up on to make sure the individual is safe, and the family has the support they need to be safe. Social workers in the community and the schools know their kids well, and know family situations – you can trust them to do a good job. If you need to make a report, you can contact Jeffrey Rathlef (jrathlef) or Dave Newell (dnewell) in the CSC.

Phone number and address for reporting suspected child/vulnerable adult abuse

If you have any questions about a child, a situation, how to file a report, etc, please contact Dave Newell in the Community Service Center. In the K-6 schools, you may also contact a school social worker for help.

Nicollet County Social Services

108 S. Minnesota Ave

St. Peter, MN 56082

934.8559

Fax: 931.9562

Call them directly and they will connect you with an intake worker.

K-6 School Social Workers, 2008-09

South Elementary: Rebecca Arsenault, 934.2754 ext 237,

rsenault@stpeterschools.org

South or North: Kathy Woyda, 934.3260 ext 607, kwoyda@stpeterschools.org

North Intermediate: Deb Hentges, 934.3260 ex 619, dhentges@stpeterschools.org