

# Stark County Job & Family Services

HUMAN SERVICES - CHILDREN SERVICES - CHILD SUPPORT

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## FATHERS WALK YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 16

**Canton, Ohio** - Stark County Job and Family Services and the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition are pleased to announce that the annual Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day will take place on Thursday, September 16, 2021. The day encourages fathers and other significant male caregivers to show support for their child's education by walking or driving them to school.

"Sharing the walk or drive to school with your child helps set them up for a successful day and demonstrates the important role you play in their life," said Deborah Forkas, M.Ed, Executive Director of Stark County Job and Family Services. "Students whose fathers are involved are more likely to enjoy school, have higher self-esteem, and perform better academically."

Representatives from the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition will be on-hand to greet fathers and students at schools in the Canton City School District, Massillon City School District, Plain Local School District, and Alliance City School District.

Free gifts will be distributed at participating locations, presented by CareSource, Molina Healthcare, Paramount Advantage, and the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition. The first 100 students at each school will receive a flying disk and silicone wristband. Fathers will receive a stylus pen and silicone wristband. Each child and father will be honored with a wearable sticker.

The mission of the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition is to improve the lives of children by encouraging and enabling fathers to take an active and positive role in their child's life, and sponsor activities designed to strengthen families and educate the community. For more information, please call 330-451-8477.

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