



Purpose:

Chiles C.A.R.E.S. is created to provide crisis assistance and accommodate immediate needs that are not necessarily met by other county services.

Goals:

- Provide basic assistance to students in need on an immediate, short term basis.
- Support students' ability to focus on learning in school;
- Show we care through anonymous giving in the true spirit of community.

We are a “giving network” activated by student needs at Chiles. Receiver students or their families can ask the school for specific needs. These resources are obtained by the Chiles C.A.R.E.S. Committee through our programs and volunteers. Chiles C.A.R.E.S. will work closely with administration and guidance to provide requested resources both confidentially and equitably. Confidentiality is of the utmost importance in our efforts.

How Can I Participate?

- To confidentially receive assistance for your CHS student(s), call the school at 850-488-1756 to speak with your student's school counselor or email chilescares@leonschools.net. Confidentiality also includes the nondisclosure of the particular event that leads to a call for participation in the C.A.R.E.S. program.
- Teachers and staff are asked to notify guidance as they learn of events and/or situations where a student needs immediate assistance.

Become a Giver:

Most anyone can join the Chiles C.A.R.E.S.:

- Parents
- CHS Faculty and Staff
- Community Members
- Churches & Organizations
- Student Groups

If you are interested in becoming a Giver, please email chilescares@leonschools.net with the subject “Chiles C.A.R.E.S.”. to be sent participation information. When a need arises, you will be contacted through an email describing the C.A.R.E.S. program and what is needed (the situation causing the need will NOT be included), you will then have the option to sign up for a specific item or a monetary donation in an amount you choose within a needed time frame. There is never any obligation to donate.

To Make a Monetary Donation to the Chiles C.A.R.E.S.:

Drop off or mail your DONATION to the CHS Main Office in an envelope marked “CHILES C.A.R.E.S” c/o Kate Strickland. Cash OR checks made payable to “Chiles High School” are appreciated and accepted throughout the year for our ongoing assistance efforts.