

## Back to School

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## Welcome Back to School!

As the summer winds down and school supplies fill the shelves, families across the country begin preparing for the return to routines, learning, and new beginnings. For families affected by Hunter syndrome, the back-to-school season can bring a mix of excitement, uncertainty, and important considerations.





If your child has an IEP, 504 plan, or medical management plan, now is a great time to review and update it. Make sure any new diagnoses, medications, therapies, or goals are reflected. Consider scheduling a team meeting early in the school year to align on expectations and services.

### Need help?

Project Alive offers IEP support for families navigating the special education system. From reviewing plans to helping you prepare for meetings, our team is here to empower you to advocate effectively for your child's needs. Fill out the form located in our Resources section of the website.

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## Build Strong Communication With the School Team

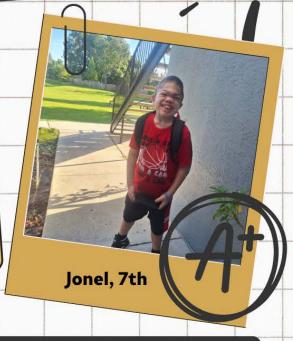
Create a communication plan with your child's teachers, aides, school nurse, and therapists. Share relevant medical and behavioral information, preferred communication methods, and emergency contacts. A one-page "All About Me" sheet can be a helpful snapshot for busy educators.



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At Project Alive, we understand that each child's educational journey is unique.
Whether your child is entering preschool, transitioning to a new school, or returning to a familiar classroom, here are a few key reminders and tips to help start the year strong:



## Wesley

## Support Siblings in the Transition

Siblings often experience the school year alongside their brother or sister's needs. Talk to them about what to expect, and let them know it's okay to feel a range of emotions. Encourage them to participate in support programs like Sibshops or special check-ins at home.

## Practice Transitions at Home

Many children with Hunter syndrome benefit from practicing routines in a familiar environment. Try doing a "practice run" of the morning routine, riding the bus, or even visiting the school playground before the first day back.

## Lean on Your Community

You don't have to navigate the school year alone. Project Alive offers resources, IEP guidance, connections to other families, and support tools to help you every step of the way. Whether it's educational advocacy or simply a listening ear, we're here for you.