

1 SCHOOL REFUSAL



MARKERS:

- Fear/anxiety about school
- Physical complaints on school mornings
- Cries, tantrums
- Fine on weekends

TYPE 1: SCHOOL REFUSAL

STRATEGIES:

- Avoid punishment: the anxiety is real
- Partner with counselor immediately
- Gradual re-entry plan
- Identify triggers
- Counseling referral



2 SCHOOL WITHDRAWAL



MARKERS:

- Disengaged, indifferent
- No visible distress
- Family may not prioritize
- Attends inconsistently

TYPE 2: SCHOOL WITHDRAWAL

STRATEGIES:

- Build relationship
- Connect to interests
- Small achievable goals
- Family education
- Mentoring program



3 CHRONIC MEDICAL



MARKERS:

- Documented medical condition
- Frequent doctor notes
- Legitimate absences accumulating
- Falling behind academically

TYPE 3: CHRONIC MEDICAL

STRATEGIES:

- Request 504/IEP meeting
- Homebound services
- Coordinate with providers
- Plan ahead for absences
- Nurse check-ins



4 ECONOMIC BARRIERS



MARKERS:

- Transportation issues
- Caring for siblings/working
- Lack of hygiene products
- Housing instability

TYPE 4: ECONOMIC BARRIERS

STRATEGIES:

- McKinney-Vento liaison
- Transportation support
- Community resources
- Flexible scheduling
- Case management



5 BULLYING-RELATED



MARKERS:

- Avoids locations/people
- Won't talk about it
- Unexplained injuries
- Sudden pattern change

TYPE 5: BULLYING-RELATED

STRATEGIES:

- Private interview
- Investigate per policy
- Schedule change
- Restorative support, when safe
- Weekly follow-up



6 FAMILY INSTABILITY



MARKERS:

- Chaotic home life
- Foster care/kinship
- Parent mental health crisis
- No consistent adult

TYPE 6: FAMILY INSTABILITY

STRATEGIES:

- CPS reporting & coordination
- Adult advocate at school
- Morning check-ins
- Trauma-informed approach
- Wraparound services

