

# Refer a Family

Clothes To Kids Rhode Island, Inc. (CTKRI) provides new and quality used clothing to school-age students from low-income or in-crisis families in the Providence County, free of charge. CTKRI is open year-round.

#### **General Information**

Eligible students can shop for a wardrobe of clothing twice per year. We carefully evaluate all clothing donations available in our store to ensure that items available are in good condition. We have some clothing appropriate for school uniforms, but cannot guarantee availability due to the high demand for these items. The CTKRI store is currently open to clients from 9am – 12pm Tuesday through Friday. Saturday appointments are available 1-2 times per month, depending on the time of year.

#### A CTKRI wardrobe consists of:

- 5 new pairs of underwear
- 5 new pairs of socks
- 5 tops
- 4 pants, shorts or skirts
- 1 dress (optional)
- 1 pair of shoes
- 1 jacket

#### **Referral Instructions**

#### 1. There are three requirements to be eligible to shop at CTKRI:

- Families must live in the Providence County, Rhode Island.
  - Burrillville, Central Falls, Cranston, Cumberland, East Providence, Foster, Glocester, Johnston, Lincoln, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Providence, Scituate, Smithfield, and Woonsocket
- Students must be K 12<sup>th</sup> grade, or working toward a GED.
- The family must be considered in need of assistance:
  - o Receiving free or reduced lunch (FRL).
  - o Receiving services from a social service agency, school or counseling center.
  - o In crisis due to natural disaster, poverty, homelessness or displacement.

### 2. Families can be referred by:

- A letter showing the children's eligibility for free and reduced price lunch (FRL Letter).
- A social worker or case manager employed at a local social service agency.

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- A teacher, administrator, guidance counselor or social worker from a school.
- A leader from a family's place of worship.

## 3. All referrals must be printed on the letterhead for the agency, school or place of worship:

- The CTKRI Referral Form, which includes directions to our shop, can always be downloaded from our website: <a href="http://clothestokidsri.org/referral-process/">http://clothestokidsri.org/referral-process/</a>. Please complete all of the requested information and include all of the eligible K-12<sup>th</sup> grade children in the family. Babies and children under 5-years-old not eligible to shop and should not be included on the form.
- Families may also use a current copy of their FRL Letter as a stand-alone referral. No other documentation is needed with the FRL Letter and this letter may be used twice as a referral.

## 4. Shopping is by appointment only and clients are responsible for making an appointment:

- Email the store at <a href="mailto:info@clothestokidsri.org">info@clothestokidsri.org</a>. Please ask clients to call and leave a voice message that includes their name and phone number, stated clearly and slowly. During busy times of the year (i.e. back to school), it may take CTKRI a couple days to return the call. Thank you for your patience!
- Families must bring their referral/FRL Letter and their photo identification on their shopping day.
- The parent is welcome to shop with or without their children.