



## REACH Mission

To provide resources to help injured or visibly different children successfully return to their schools and communities.

## About REACH

REACH is a free online program for youth, parents, school personnel, medical professionals, and others to support a child following an injury, illness, or visibly-altering condition. REACH provides:

- Tools to assist a child with issues they may face throughout their school years including interpersonal, social, physical, emotional, or environmental challenges.
- Resources to create a safe and welcoming environment in the classroom and school.
- A convenient web-based program with videos, handouts, strategies, and tips on topics including: beginning or returning to school; changing grades, schools or districts; going out in public; managing questions and stares; meeting new people; teasing and bullying; stress management; and social skills training.



[www.reach.traumaburn.org](http://www.reach.traumaburn.org)



The REACH program is made possible by the generous support from the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation



Returning to Education  
and Continued Healing



**Successfully return to school after injury or illness**

*Continue to heal • Learn valuable skills  
Work together • Promote understanding*

## How Has REACH Helped?

*“The REACH program has been an invaluable resource. Not only did it provide our school staff with the medical information necessary to complete a smooth transition, but it continues to provide support as needs come up. The smooth transition for Amy from elementary to middle school was the result of the collaboration between past teachers, health care providers, and current school staff. This is never more apparent than when you see Amy walk down the halls with her head held high and a smile on her face.”*

- Mrs. Renicker, Amy's middle school teacher



- For additional stories, warning signs a child may be struggling, and to learn how others have handled similar experiences, visit:

**[www.reach.traumaburn.org](http://www.reach.traumaburn.org)**

### Parents

*How do I know we are ready?*



My child was burned in a house fire, and has missed a lot of school. I am worried about her going back. How can I protect her from teasing when I can't be there?

*What if people stare at me?*

Everyone knows about my accident. People keep asking questions I don't want to answer. They stare at my scars when I wrestle. Sometimes I wish I could quit the team.

### Kids & Teens



### School Personnel & Educators



My student is being released from the hospital. Should I call her? If I don't know about her injuries, how can I adequately prepare my other students? I want to make her transition back to school easy, but without treating her differently.

*How do I prepare?*

*How can I help my friend?*

### Friends & Students



My friend was badly hurt, will he get better? Should I go see him? Will he look different? Can we still do the things we used to do together?

### Medical Professionals

*What is my role in a patient's return to school?*



My patient worked really hard to get better. Once leaving the hospital, will others be understanding of what she's gone through? What information do

her teachers or family need to work together and continue the healing process?

### Siblings

*What about me?*



I love my brother, but ever since his injury things have been different at home and at school. Everyone is focused on him and I'm tired of the questions. What do I say?