



Pointers For Parents

Parents Seek Organization For Busy Families

(NAPSA)—A little planning can go a long way for families on the go. Though it's true that every family is different, family living spaces often look the same everywhere, from notebooks strewn across the kitchen counter to the sports equipment in the back of the minivan.

"I spend so much time getting the kids ready to go back to school and shuttling them from one activity to the next that a few weeks into the school year I'm already looking for new ways to get organized," said Becky Ziegler, mother of 11-year-old twin boys.

These novel, quick ideas can minimize stress and save time during the fall hustle and bustle.

Convenience

- Become a believer in travel-sized products. Keep items such as hand sanitizer, wipes and single-dose medications in the car for shuttling kids back and forth from school and activities.

- Survival of the fittest. Create a survival kit with a flashlight, knife, matches and first-aid kit convenient enough to fit in the glove compartment or kitchen cabinet in case any situations arise.

- Maintain a community calendar. Purchase a whiteboard calendar and hang it in a common area. Be sure to color code after-school activities by child.

- Always have a quick fix on hand. More times than not, we get caught unprepared when something breaks. Krazy Glue Single-Use tubes are great for breaks in the home or on the go. The single-use applicators have just enough in each tube for one fast fix and fit into a purse or travel bag.

Organization

- Be the ultimate activity coordinator. After-school activities



Travel-friendly products, such as Krazy Glue Single-Use Tubes, keep on-the-go moms prepared and minimize stress.

mean schedules, recitals, phone trees and snack lists. Keep a simple vinyl binder for each child with individual activity tabs.

- Utilize cubbies. Cubbies are great for anything from clothes to toys and games, and they also teach kids about good organizational habits. Encourage children to organize their cubbies in the way each prefers.

- Build a routine. Hectic school mornings lead to hectic days, so be sure to prepare items the night before. Include your child by picking out clothes together and packing up his or her sports bag for the following day's activity.

- Implement a 15-minute pick-up. No matter what time you or the kids go to bed, dedicate 15 minutes to picking up around the house together. Create a contest to see which child can pick up the most and reward the winning child with an incentive of your choice. The quick cleanup can save you from a morning headache.

Additional quick fix tips can be found at www.krazyglue.com.