

# What Happens at Home Affects School Success

Family is the foundation of a child's life. Every child needs a healthy home environment to do well at school and elsewhere. One sign of a healthy home is structure—an organized, consistent way of life. Another sign is stability—which provides strength to get through tough times.

When children have structured, stable home lives, they also have:

- **Security.** They know what's expected of them and how to behave. They know that even when things don't go well, the family will survive.
- **Reliability.** Their families are strong and dependable, so they count on them for support (instead of turning to gangs, drugs or alcohol).
- **Responsibility.** They learn through experience that things work best when everyone pitches in.
- **Pride.** Their families' priorities are reflected in their habits and actions. They feel good about helping achieve important family goals.

