

Theme: Community Helpers

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Good morning StrongStart families,

Today's email is put together by Teacher Sonika (from Moberly).

These days when we hear the news, we hear words like "frontline workers" or "first responders". Children may wonder what these terms means so we can tell them they are people who help others get/stay healthy, like doctors, nurses, paramedics and police officers. However, there are many others in the community that have important jobs during a time like this, like grocery store workers and mail carriers!



A great activity for practicing oral language is talk to children about what they want to be when they grow up. Encourage them to draw a picture as they talk. As they are drawing, ask them to explain what they would be doing in that job. Caregivers can help with the drawing if the child is too young. Here is a video tutorial on how to draw a doctor - <https://youtu.be/RM7mSCrt8pg>. What about a police officer? Learn how to draw one here - <https://youtu.be/2UhTbzi2Fvg>.

Once the picture is done, you can turn it into a puppet by cutting it out and taping it to a straw or popsicle stick.

Looking for more community helpers? Teacher Sonika shares a few more helpers with this Community Helper song - [https://youtu.be/nMwDR\\_OzFcY](https://youtu.be/nMwDR_OzFcY)

Community Helper Song (to the tune "Are You Sleeping?")  
*What is my job? What is my job?*

*Can you guess? Can you guess?  
I help people get well, I help people get well.  
Who am I? Who am I?*

*Other verses include: I can fix the water pipes (plumber), I deliver letters (mail carrier), I make tasty meals for you (chef or cook), I keep your pets healthy (veterinarian), I can teach you new things (teachers).*

If you have some photos of your child as their favourite community helper or with their community helper drawing, we would love to see some!

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