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- 2) Encourage them to use INFOhio's free research help at <http://go.infohio.org> and to work with their school and public librarians.
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- 5) Share ideas you use to keep up with your work and home responsibilities such as:
 - Creating a family calendar.
 - Planning a party or a big meal.
 - Keeping up with monthly bills.
- 6) Help them schedule their projects so they don't get overwhelmed the night before. INFOhio's Research Project Calculator can help: www2.infohio.org/rpc.
- 7) Help them set aside daily work time in a quiet place.
- 8) Ask them frequently how the project is going.
- 9) Be a practice audience. Read their papers and listen to their presentations.
- 10) When finished, ask these questions:
 - What did you learn?
 - What worked well for you?
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