

Agency Information List

The following contacts may be useful resources to families and children experiencing homelessness:

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline (VA Department of Social Services)	800-552-7096
Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline	800-838-8238
Project Immunize Virginia	757-668-6435
Medicaid Provider Helpline	800-552-8627
Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plane (FAMIS)	866-873-2647
Pupil Transportation	804-225-2037
National Mental Health Association Resource Center	800-969-6642
National Association for the Education of Young Children	800-424-2460
Adult Education and Literacy	804-225-2075
Statewide Human Services Information and Referral	800-230-6977
Free Tax Assistance & EITC Information	800-829-1040
Food Stamps	804-726-7378
Lawyer Referral Service	800-552-7977
Social Security Administration Hotline Assists individuals applying for benefits.	800-772-1213 800-325-0778 (TDD)
National Alliance to End Homelessness	202-638-1526
Virginia Housing Development Authority	877-843-22123
National Runaway Switchboard	800-786-2929
Child Help USA Hotline Counselors available to talk with pre-teens about their problems	800-422-4453
Virginia Interagency Action Council for the Homeless (VIACH) www.endhomelessnessva.org	804-371-7175

BEFORE MOVING

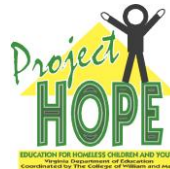
- Tell your child's teacher and principal that your child is moving and give them the new address.
- Let school officials know if you want your child to stay in his/her school of origin while you are getting the family stabilized.



The federal McKinney-Vento Act guarantees school enrollment for anyone who, **due to a lack of permanent housing**, lives in **inadequate** or **temporary** settings, such as:

- In emergency or transitional shelters.
- In motels, hotels, or campgrounds.
- In cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, or abandoned buildings.
- Doubled up with relatives or friends.
- In these conditions and is a migratory child or youth.
- Children and youth living in these settings and are living separated from their parents or guardians.

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What Caretakers Need to Know



- Are you temporarily taking care of a child, and you are not the legal guardian?
- Do you or the child's family have uncertain housing, a temporary address, or no permanent physical address?
- Is the child unable to return home because of economic or family issues?

This child may be eligible for rights and benefits at school under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act.

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EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH LACKING FIXED, REGULAR, AND ADEQUATE HOUSING

Families and caretakers should know:

- You do not need a permanent address to enroll your child in school.
- Your child cannot be denied school enrollment when school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- Your child may be able to remain in the same school (school of origin) even if you move.
- Your child has the right to transportation services to and from the school of origin.
- Schools must provide you with a written explanation if a placement dispute occurs, and you may appeal the school's decision.
- Your child automatically qualifies to participate in free breakfast and lunch programs.
- Your child has the right to participate in extracurricular activities and all federal, state, or local programs for which he/she is eligible.
- Unaccompanied youth lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing have these same rights.



Children and youth living in these settings meet criteria for the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness and have special educational rights.

AT SCHOOL, ASK ABOUT THESE SPECIAL SERVICES

- Tutoring programs
- Programs to help children learn English
- Gifted or talented programs
- Summer school programs
- Preschool programs
- Before and after school programs
- Homeless assistance programs
- Special education programs for students with disabilities, especially if the student has previously received special education services






Schools give children and youth experiencing homelessness HOPE and a chance for a better future.



SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS ALSO MAY PROVIDE

- Quiet time or a personal space to allow your child to complete homework at school.
- Basic school supplies.
- Contact information for community agencies and helpful resources.

Contact your local Homeless Liaison.

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