

## 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
VA Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance	804-377-0335
Virginia Housing Development Authority	877-834-2123
Social Security Administration Hotline	800-772-1213
Virginia Legal Aid	866-534-5243
SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	800-552-3431
Cover Virginia – Medicaid & FAMIS	855-242-8282
National Runaway Switchboard	800-786-2929
Free Tax Assistance & Earned Income Tax Credit Information	800-829-1040
National Center for Homeless Education	800-308-2145
Hill Burton Free and Reduced-Cost Hospital Care	800-638-0742
LOCAL AGENCIES	
Floyd Emergency Assistance	540-745-2102 540-745-2287
Giles Emergency Assistance	540-921-2146
Montgomery Emergency Assistance	540-382-6186
Pulaski Emergency Assistance	540-980-5525
Radford Emergency Assistance	540-267-3205
New River Family Shelter	540-382-6188
Women's Resource Center Hot Line	540-639-1123
To Our House	540-382-6186
VA Cares	540-382-9382
Community Action Main Office	540-633-5133
Rescue Mission of Roanoke	540-343-7227

### 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.
- When in your child's best interest, he or she has the right to request transportation assistance.
- 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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