

Who Do You Contact If You Have A Question?

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Information and Resources

Virginia Department of Education
Project Hope
The College of William and Mary - SOE
Office: (757) 221-4002
Toll Free in Virginia: (877) 455-3412
Fax: (757) 221-5300
homlss@wm.edu

National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)
nche.ed.gov (800) 308-2145

National Association for the Education of Homeless
Children and Youth
(NAEHCY) naehcy.org (866) 862-2562

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty
nlchp.org (202) 638-2535

What is McKinney-Vento?

McKinney-Vento refers to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, a federal law that provides educational support for students experiencing homelessness.

The McKinney-Vento Act was designed to make sure homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free and appropriate public education as children and youth who are permanently housed. This includes preschool education.

Homeless: What Does it Mean?

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, the definition of “homeless” includes living situations not typically thought of as homeless. If you lost your housing and are now doubled-up with family or friends; live in a hotel, shelter, campground, temporary trailer or in another type of temporary or inadequate housing situation, your child might be eligible for McKinney-Vento educational supports and services.

You Have Rights!

Students experiencing homelessness have the right to:

- Continue in the school they attended before becoming homeless, the school in which the student was last enrolled (school of origin) or enroll in the school zoned for their temporary residence
- Transportation to the school of origin
- Enroll in school immediately, even if you do not have all of the required documents
- Attend classes and participate fully in all school activities while the school gathers records
- Have enrollment disputes heard and resolved while student attends class
- Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students
- Have their parents be an active participant in their education

Services

Students registered under McKinney-Vento qualify to receive:

- Free school meals
- Transportation to the school of origin
- School supplies
- Tutoring (if needed)
- School fee waivers
- Referrals to community resources

Other items may be available including:

- Backpacks
- Emergency basic need items (clothing, hygiene products, etc)
- Gas cards to assist with transportation needs

Note to High School Students

If you are a high school student living away from your parents and do not have permanent housing (maybe you are staying with relatives or “couch surfing” at different friends’ homes) these same rights and services apply to you.

We can also help high school students with:

- Getting to graduation
- Applying for college and financial aid
- Obtaining needed documents
- Course credit accrual and recovery
- Referrals to needed resources
- Class, uniform, testing and graduation related fees

**Community Resources
Shelter/Housing**

The Homeless Crisis Line972-0813
CARES Shelter861-0849
HomeAgain Shelter358-7747
Chesterfield DSS Housing Program717-6832

Food

FeedMore Hunger Hotline521-2500
Chesterfield Food Bank.414-8885
Belmont United Methodist Church275-6336
Sherbourne United Methodist Church . . .275-6321
Colonial Heights Food Pantry520-7117

Clothing

Mercy Mall728-2928
Webber Memorial Baptist Church.271-4018
CCHASM.796-2749

Medical/Dental

Chesterfield Health Department748-1691
Bon Secours Care-A-Van359-9355
Crossover Clinic233-5016
VCU Coordinated Care828-0966
Kool Smiles866-767-3722
Smiles for Children1-888-912-3456

Mental Health/Crisis Support

Chesterfield Mental Health748-1227
24/7 Crisis Line748-6356
Same Day Access763-7318
REACH Crisis Hotline855-282-1006
Suicide Prevention LifeLine1-800-273-8255
National Crisis Text Text NEED HELP to 8551
Domestic Violence Hotline.612-6126



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Your Responsibilities

- Make sure your child attends school on time everyday
- Notify the school if you move
- Enroll your child as soon as possible if you are registering at a new school
- Attend parent/teacher conferences, back to school nights and other school related activities
- Notify the McKinney-Vento Support Specialist right away, if transportation needs change at any time during the school year

Remember...

You are a valued partner in your child's education and working together as a team is a best practice to ensure school success. The school counselor, social worker and McKinney-Vento staff can help identify educational barriers and create a student success plan for you child. We are here for you!

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SERVICES AND SUPPORT**