

WHAT FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS NEED TO KNOW

- Children and youth experiencing homelessness have a right to attend school.
- You do not need a permanent address to enroll your child in school.
- Children and youth experiencing homelessness can stay in their school of origin or enroll in any public school that students living in the same attendance area are eligible to attend, according to their best interest.
- Schools must provide you with a written explanation if a placement dispute occurs and you may appeal their decision. (Contact the homeless liaison.)
- Your child cannot be denied school enrollment just because school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- Your child may have the right to transportation services to and from the school of origin, if determined feasible.
- Your child has the right to participate in extracurricular activities and all federal, state, or local programs for which he or she is eligible. Transportation may not be available for these activities.
- Homeless, unaccompanied youth have these same rights. (Contact the homeless liaison.)

DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS

Anyone, *due to a lack of housing*, who lives in **inadequate** or **temporary** settings, such as:

- emergency or transitional shelters
- motels, hotels, trailer parks, campgrounds, abandoned in hospitals, awaiting foster care placement
- cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, abandoned buildings
- doubled up with relatives or friends
- or those living in these conditions and is a migratory child or youth.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is committed to providing support for our students who are experiencing homelessness. We understand the challenges facing homeless students and have programs in place to make certain that these students have the resources necessary to obtain a successful education. FCPS has a homeless liaison responsible for ensuring that homeless children are identified, enrolled, and receive equitable access to high quality education and support services. Parents should contact the homeless liaison at 571-423-4332 for assistance.



A BROCHURE FOR FAMILIES IN TRANSITION: WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES
571-423-4332

RESOURCES

YOUR FIRST POINT OF CONTACT FOR HELP...

**Fairfax County
Coordinated Services Planning
703-222-0880**

FOOD RESOURCES

Capital Area Food Bank – Hunger Lifeline
202-644-9807
Website: www.capitalareafoodbank.org

Food for Others
(warehouse/neighborhood sites)
703-207-9173

MEDICAL SERVICES

Community Health Care Network – CHCN
Bailey's (Falls Church) – 703-237-3446
North County (Reston) – 703-689-2180
South County (Alexandria) – 703-704-5333

Fairfax County Health Department
Information - 703-246-2411
Annandale District – 703-534-8343
Herndon/Reston District – 703-481-4242
Mount Vernon District – 703-704-5203
Springfield District – 703-569-1031
Joseph Willard (Fairfax City) – 703-246-7100

Healthworks
Herndon – 703-481-8160
Leesburg – 703-443-2000

Neighborhood Health (ANHSl)
703-535-5568

Partnership for Prescription Assistance
888-477-2669
Website: www.pparx.org

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

CSB Emergency Services (Answered 24/7)
703-573-5679
CSB Entry/Referral Services for All Offices
703-383-8500

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Lawyer Referral Services (fees apply)
703-246-3780
Legal Services of Northern Virginia
703-778-6800 (Intake for All Offices)

SHELTERS

Embry Rucker Community Shelter (Adults/ Families)
703-437-1975
FACETS (Families)
703-352-5090
Katherine Hanley Shelter (Families)
571-522-6800
Patrick Henry Shelter (Families)
703-536-2155
Eleanor U. Kennedy Shelter (Age 18/Adult)
703-799-0200
Volunteers of America Bailey's Shelter (Age 18/Adult)
703-820-7623
Alternative House Teen Shelter (Ages 13-17)
703-356-6360 or 1-800-SAY-TEEN
Artemis House (Domestic Violence)
703-435-4940
Bethany House (Domestic Violence)
703-658-9500

HOTLINES

Adult Protective Services (APS)
703-324-7450
Alternative House Teen Hotline
1-800-729-8336 or 703-356-6360
Child Protective Services (CPS)
703-324-7400
Domestic/Sexual Violence Hotline
703-360-7273

CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE

Office for Children Childcare Assistance
703-449-8484
Fairfax County School Age Child Care (SACC)
703-449-8989

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

FCPS Early Intervention Child Development Assessment (under 5 years old)
571-423-4121
CSB Infant and Toddler Connection
703-246-7121 (under 3 years old)
FCPS Head Start
703-204-6700
Fairfax County Early Head Start
703-324-8290

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (DFS)

Medicaid, TANF, SNAP – 703-324-7500

IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE

Ayuda
202-387-4848 (Washington, DC)
703-444-7009 (Sterling)
Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services
703-534-9805
Just Neighbors Ministry
703-979-1240
Progreso Hispano
703-799-8830

FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, CONTACT FCPS HOMELESS LIAISON OFFICE

Main Office: 571-423-4332
Kathi Sheffel, Homeless Liaison
Tami Eppolite, Social Worker
Kerri Hutchins, Social Worker
Meghan Crowley, Social Worker (Spanish)
Susan Salvucci, Homeless Educational Support