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

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### FOOD RESOURCES

- **Capital Area Food Bank – Hunger Lifeline**  
  202-644-9807  
  Website: [www.capitalareafoodbank.org](http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org)

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

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### 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 (ANHSI)**  
    703-535-5568

  - **Partnership for Prescription Assistance**  
    888-477-2669  
    Website: [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)

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### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- **CSB Emergency Services (Answered 24/7)**  
  703-573-5679

- **CSB Entry/Referral Services for All Offices**  
  703-383-8500

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### LEGAL ASSISTANCE

- **Lawyer Referral Services (fees apply)**  
  703-246-3780

- **Legal Services of Northern Virginia**  
  703-778-6800 (Intake for All Offices)

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### 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

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### 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

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### CHILDHCARE ASSISTANCE

- **Office for Children Childcare Assistance**  
  703-449-8484

- **Fairfax County School Age Child Care (SACC)**  
  703-449-8989

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### 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

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### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (DFS)

- Medicaid, TANF, SNAP – 703-324-7500

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### 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

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### 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  
  Elizabeth Rivera, Social Worker (Spanish)  
  Susan Salvucci, Homeless Educational Support