

## WHAT YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS NEED TO KNOW

- Children and youth experiencing homelessness have a right to attend school.
- Some unaccompanied youth may need to change where they stay frequently. Transportation services to and from school may be available for you.
- 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.
- Youth experiencing homelessness may not be denied school enrollment just because school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- If there are any disagreements or disputes about your enrollment, contact the homeless liaison.
- Unaccompanied youth can participate in extracurricular activities and programs. Contact your school counselor for assistance.

## WHO IS A HOMELESS UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH?

A school-aged person who is not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian and who lives in inadequate or temporary settings, such as:

- doubled up with relatives who are not your legal guardian,
- staying with a friend or friend's family,
- in an emergency or transitional shelter,
- in motels, hotels, campgrounds,
- in cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, abandoned buildings.

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 students have the resources necessary to continue their 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.

Contact the FCPS Homeless Liaison at 571-423-4332 for assistance.



## A BROCHURE FOR UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH:

## WHAT YOUTH NEED TO KNOW

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DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES  
571-423-4332

# RESOURCES

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## AS A HOMELESS UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH, YOU CAN RECEIVE FREE LUNCH, TRANSPORTATION, AND ASSISTANCE WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you are in need of school supplies, contact the school counselor, school social worker, or call the homeless liaison's office at 571-423-4332. You should also call the homeless liaison's office to access free lunch or transportation.

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## YOUR FIRST POINT OF CONTACT FOR HELP...

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

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## FOOD RESOURCES

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**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

## MEDICAL SERVICES

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**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)

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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

## LOW-COST MEDICAL INSURANCE

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**Affordable Care Act Health Insurance – Cover VA**  
1-855-242-8282

**FAMIS (INOVA Partnership for Healthier Kids)**  
703-698-2550

## SHELTERS

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Most housing for people without a home are for adults aged 18 and above. There are some short-term shelters. For cold weather sites, call 703-222-0880. Below are some options:

### *Emergency Shelters for Youth...*

**Alternative House**  
703-356-6360 or 1-800-729-8336  
**Sasha Bruce House**  
202-546-4900 (Washington DC)  
**Residential Youth Services**  
703-842-2301

### *Emergency Shelters for Adults (Age 18/Adult)...*

**Volunteers of America Bailey's Shelter (Falls Church)**  
703-820-7623  
**Embry Rucker Community Shelter (Reston)**  
703-437-1975  
**Carpenter's Shelter (Alexandria City)**  
703-548-7500  
**Eleanor U. Kennedy Shelter (Route 1)**  
703-799-0200

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (DFS)

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Medicaid, TANF, SNAP – 703-324-7500

## HOTLINES

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**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

## LEGAL ASSISTANCE

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

## OTHER RESOURCES

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**Assurance Wireless (Age 18/Adult)**  
Free phone with limited minutes per month.  
1-888-898-4888

## FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, CONTACT FCPS HOMELESS LIAISON OFFICE

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**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