Resources

National Center for Homeless Education

Toll-free helpline: 1-800-308-2145 General number: 1-800-755-3277

Fax: 336-315-7457

Helpline e-mail: homeless@serve.org

Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

73 Buffum Street, Lynn, MA 01902 O ffice: 781-595-7570

Fax: 781-595-7574

Email: info@mahomeless.org

Website: http://www.mahomeless.org

Project Bread

Food Source Hotline Mon-Fri 8AM-7PM, Sat 10AM-2PM 1-800-645-8333, TTY 1-800-377-1292 projectbread.org/get-help/foodsource-hotline

SNAP Assistance

gettingfoodstamps.org

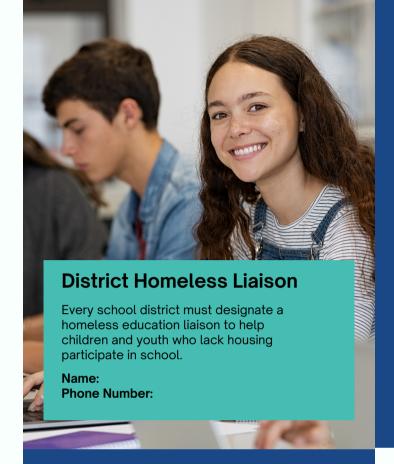
Domestic Violence Programs

SafeLink: 1-877-785-2020 (toll-free) SafeLink TTY: 1-877-521-2601 National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

Runaway or Homeless Youth

For information, referrals, and crisis intervention, contact the National Runaway Safeline at 1-800-RUNAWAY (800-786-2929)



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McKinneyVento Homeless Education Assistance Act



Education of Homeless
Children and Youth
Program

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The McKinney-Vento Act covers children and youth who don't have a fixed, adequate and regular nighttime residence, including living...



- in a shelter
- in a motel, hotel, or campground;
- In a car, bus, or train station, an abandoned building, or some other inadequate accommodations; or
- with other people due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason (also known as doubled up).

This includes migrant and unaccompanied youth living in any of the above situations.



Unaccompanied Youth

Youths who are out of the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian and lack of fixed, regular, and adequate housing have all the rights of other homeless students.



Homeless Preschoolers

Preschool children living in homeless situations have the same rights as other homeless children and youth.

All school-aged children in Massachusetts can attend public school for free.

Students experiencing housing instability or homelessness can:

- Continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is their family's preference and is feasible. At their family's request, they can receive transportation for up to one hour to and from the school of origin.
- Or, enroll in the local school immediately and attend classes even if the student lacks the typically required documents while the school gathers needed documents. Transportation would be provided in the same manner as it is for other children in the district.
- Receive educational services according to your child's needs.
- · Appeal district enrollment decisions.
- Access special education services if the student has a current Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- Participate in any school activity that is available to other students.
- Receive free school meals.





Ensuring the enrollment, attendance, and the opportunity to succeed in school for homeless children and youth.

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