

School District Liaisons

Each school district in the nation must appoint a “Homeless Education Liaison” who helps homeless students and families access supports and services. Sometimes more than one person carries out these responsibilities.

For a first step toward assistance, please contact your school district and ask to speak to the Homeless Liaison:

Chicago Park	346-2153
Clear Creek	273-3664
Grass Valley	273-4483
Nevada City	265-1820
Nevada Joint Union	273-3351
Penn Valley Union	432-7311
Pleasant Ridge Union	268-2800
Twin Ridges	265-9052
Union Hill	273-0647

Charters:

Bitney College Prep.	477-1235
Forest Charter	265-4823
Nevada City School of the Arts	273-7736
Sierra Montessori	268-9990
Twin Ridges Home Study	478-1815
Yuba River Charter	265-6060

County-wide Coordinator
of Homeless Liaisons:
Melissa Parrett
530-478-6400 ext. 2021
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Community Resources

EMERGENCY

Police, Fire, Ambulance	911
Child Protective Services (CPS)	273-4291
Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition (DVSAC)	272-2046
DVSAC 24 hr Crisis Line	272-3467
Emergency Assistance Coalition (24 hr. Crisis Hotline)	211

HOUSING

Booth Family Center	272-2669
Hospitality House	271-7144
Kare Crisis Nursery	265-6520
Salvation Army	274-3500
CALWORKS	265-1760

FOOD/NUTRITION

***Ask Liaison for a Food Distribution list*

CalFresh	265-1340
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	265-1454

MEDICAL

Medi-Cal	1-800-541-5555
Chapa-De Indian Health Clinic	477-8545
Living Well Medical Clinic	272-6800
Western Sierra Medical Clinic	274-9762
Public Health Immunization Clinic	265-1450
Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital	274-6000
Yuba Docs Urgent Care	274-5020

MENTAL HEALTH

Behavioral Health	265-1437
Children’s Behavioral Health	470-2736

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPPORT

Community Recovery Resources	273-9541
Common Goals	274-2000

EMPLOYMENT/AID

Grass Valley Business & Career Network	265-7088
Dept. of Social Services	265-1340

TRANSPORTATION

Gold Country Stage	477-0103
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FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

UNDERSTANDING HOMELESS STUDENTS’ EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS



A GUIDE FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS,
AND SOCIAL WORKERS

2016-2017



Students who are homeless have educational rights under the McKinney-Vento Act, an important federal law.



A School District Homeless Liaison can help with:

- Bus passes
- School supplies
- Counseling
- Getting back into school
- Access to community resources

If you think a student might be eligible for support under the McKinney-Vento Act, speak with your liaison!



When are students considered homeless?

Many children and families who are eligible for help do not consider themselves homeless. According to the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Education Assistance Act a family is considered homeless if living in any of the following situations:

- Lack a regular, fixed, and adequate nighttime residence
- Living in a shelter, motel, or hotel
- Living in an unsheltered residence— such as a car or park
- Sharing housing (doubled-up or couch-surfing) due to economic hardship
- Living in campgrounds due to lack of alternative accommodations
- Unaccompanied children or youth (i.e. not in the physical custody of their parents or guardians)
- Awaiting foster care (between child’s initial placement into state care and 30-day shelter care hearing)

HOMELESS STUDENTS’ RIGHTS INCLUDE

- **SCHOOL STABILITY**- To remain enrolled in, and be transported to a student’s School of Origin when feasible, even if a student moves outside of the district. (‘School of Origin’ means the school last attended when permanently housed, or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled).
- **IMMEDIATE ENROLLMENT**-To be enrolled immediately (even without medical or school records) in the neighborhood school.
- **FOOD PROVISION**-To receive FREE breakfast and/or lunch in schools that serve both.
- **ASSISTANCE WITH BARRIERS**- To have barriers addressed so that they can participate in athletics, field trips, and after school activities (this could include having certain school fees waived). Parents or guardians should contact school staff for help.
- **ACADEMIC SUPPORT**- To ask for academic support if a student is struggling with classwork. Parents or guardians should contact school staff for assistance.
- **TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE**- To ask for transportation support if a student is at risk of missing school. Parents or guardians should contact school staff for assistance. Homeless Liaisons can work with parents to problem-solve transportation challenges.
- **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**-To use the school district’s Dispute Resolution Process to appeal a school’s decision when there is a disagreement about school selection or enrollment.

Families can access additional support at our local Family Resource Centers (FRCs):

Grass Valley FRC	273-4059
Penn Valley FRC	432-1118 ext. 249
San Juan Ridge FRC	292-3174