Agency Information List

The following contacts may be useful resources to families and children experiencing homelessness:

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline (VA Department of Social Services)	800-552-7096
VA Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Aliance	804-377-0335
Virginia Housing Development Authority	877-834-2123
Social Security Administration Hotline	800-772-1213
Virginia Legal Aid	866-534-5243
SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	800-552-3431
Cover Virginia – Medicaid & FAMIS	855-242-8282
National Runaway Switchboard	800-786-2929
Free Tax Assistance & Earned Income Tax Credit Information	800-829-1040
National Center for Homeless Education	800-308-2145
Hill Burton Free and Reduced-Cost Hospital Care	800-638-0742
LOCAL AGENCIES	
Floyd Emergency Assistance	540-745-2102
	540-745-2287
Giles Emergency Assistance	540-921-2146
Montgomery Emergency Assistance	540-382-6186
Pulaski Emergency Assistance	540-980-5525
Radford Emergency Assistance	540-267-3205
New River Family Shelter	540-382-6188
Women's Resource Center Hot Line	540-639-1123
To Our House	540-382-6186
VA Cares	540-382-9382
Community Action Main Office	540-633-5133
Rescue Mission of Roanoke	540-343-7227

BEFORE MOVING

 Tell your child's teacher and principal that your child is moving and give them the new address.



 Let school officials know if you want your child to stay in his/her school of origin while you are getting the family stabilized. The federal McKinney-Vento Act guarantees school enrollment for anyone who, *due to a lack of permanent housing,* lives in inadequate or temporary settings, such as:

- In emergency or transitional shelters.
- In motels, hotels, or campgrounds.
- In cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, or abandoned buildings.
- Doubled up with relatives or friends.
- In these conditions and is a migratory child or youth.
- Children and youth living in these settings and are living separated from their parents or guardians.

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What Families Need to Know

Your Child Can
Enroll in School...
Even if you have:

- Uncertain Housing
- A Temporary Address
- No Permanent Physical Address



Your child may be able to remain in the same school (school of origin) even if you move.

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EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH LACKING FIXED, REGULAR, AND ADEQUATE HOUSING

Families should know:

- You do not need a permanent address to enroll your child in school.
- ☐ Your child cannot be denied school enrollment when school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- ☐ Your child may be able to remain in the same school (school of origin) even if you move.
- □ When in your child's best interest, he or she has the right to request transportation assistance.
- Schools must provide you with a written explanation if a placement dispute occurs, and you may appeal the school's decision.
- Your child automatically qualifies to participate in free breakfast and lunch programs.
- Your child has the right to participate in extracurricular activities and all federal, state, or local programs for which he/she is eligible.

Youth not accompanied by a parent or guardian and lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing have these same rights.



AT SCHOOL, ASK ABOUT THESE SPECIAL SERVICES

- Tutoring programs.
- Programs to help children learn English.
- Gifted or talented programs.
- Summer school programs.
- Preschool programs.
- Before and after school SOL remediation programs.
- Homeless assistance programs
- Special education programs for students with disabilities, especially if the student has previously received special education services.

Schools give children and youth experiencing homelessness HOPE and a chance for a better future.



SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS ALSO MAY PROVIDE

- Quiet time or a personal space to allow your child to complete homework at school
- · Basic school supplies
- Contact information for community agencies and helpful resources

Contact your local Homeless Liaison.



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