A Brochure for Families in Transition

General
Loudoun County Department of Family Services
(703) 777-0353
Loudoun Cares (Information and Referral Service)
(703) 669-4636
PATH Homeless Services
(703) 737-8702
Mobile Hope
(703) 771-1400

Shelters
CES Intake Line
(703) 777-0420
Loudoun County/VOA Homeless Services Center
(571) 258-3033
The Good Shepherd Alliance
(703) 724-1555
LAWs Domestic Violence Shelter and Services
(703) 777-6552

Mental Health and Health Resources
Loudoun Health Department
(703) 777-0236
Health Works for Northern Virginia
Herndon Location: (703) 481-8160
Leesburg Location: (703) 443-2000
Loudoun Free Clinic
(703) 779-5416
Dental Services
(571) 258-3116
Loudoun County Mental Health
(703) 771-5100
Emergency: (703) 777—0320
Crisis Link Hotline: (703) 527-4077
National Alliance on Mental Illness
1-888-486-8264
1st Choice Women’s Health Center
(703) 729-1123
Birthright Family Planning Service
(703) 777-7272
Gabriel Project for Expectant Mothers
1-866-444-3553

Food
LINK Food Bank
(703) 437-1776
Loudoun Hunger Relief
(703) 777-5911
Messiah’s Market
(571) 209-8000
Tree of Life Ministries
(703) 554-3595
Dulles South Food Pantry
(703) 507-2795
WIC Supplemental Food Program
(703) 777-0239

Transportation
Virginia Regional Transit
1-877-777-2708

What Parents and Guardians Need to Know

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What is the McKinney-Vento Act?

- Federal legislation that ensures children and youth experiencing homelessness have full and equal access to education and experience success in school
- Created in 1987, revised in 2002 under the No Child Left Behind Act, and reauthorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act in 2015
- Code of VA amended to align with McKinney-Vento in 2004

Who is considered

- Any student who lacks fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence, including children and youth who are:
  1. Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (i.e. “doubled-up”)
  2. Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, camping grounds, cars, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar setting due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations
  3. Living in emergency or transitional shelters
  4. Not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and are in any of the above situations

What rights do students have under McKinney-Vento?

- The right to remain at the “school of origin,” or the school the child attended when they had a permanent residence
- The right to receive transportation provided by the school district to the student’s “school of origin”
- The right to immediate enrollment even if missing normally required documentation
- The right to receive free meals at school during the school day (breakfast and lunch)
- Right to access all school programs made available to other students
- The right to dispute disagreements about services related to McKinney-Vento

Recommendations for families who move often:

- Keep copies of important documents so you have them accessible
  - Your child’s birth certificate
  - Your child’s school records
  - Your child’s health records
  - Have another reliable person keep a second copy of important documents
- Enroll your child as soon as possible if you are attending a new school
- Let schools know that you are moving and provide a new address or contact information if possible
- Ask about these Programs:
  - Gifted/Talented programs
  - Tutoring programs
  - Programs for English learners
  - Summer school programs
  - Preschool programs
  - Before and after school programs
  - Special education programs

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