

Agency Information List

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

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline

Child Protective Services (CPS) - Virginia Department of Social Services
Virginia: (804) 786-8536
Out-of-State: (800) 552-7096

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline

www.childhelp.org | (800) 422-4433

Cover Virginia - Medicaid & FAMIS

www.coverva.org | (833) 522-5582

Free Tax Assistance and Earned Income Tax Credit

www.irs.gov/eitc | (800) 829-1040

National Center for Homeless Education

www.nche.ed.gov | (800) 308-2145

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

www.humantraffickinghotline.org
(888) 373-7888

National Runaway Safeline

www.1800runaway.org | (800) 786-2929

SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/snap.cgi
(800) 552-3431

Social Security Administration Hotline

www.ssa.gov | (800) 772-1213

Virginia Housing

www.virginiahousing.com | www.vhda.com
(877) 843-2123

Virginia Legal Aid

www.vlas.org | (866) 534-5243

Virginia School Immunization Requirements

www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements
(800) 568-1929

VA Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

www.vsdvalliance.org | (800)-838-8238
(804) 793-9999

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:

- 🍏 Emergency shelters or transitional housing
- 🍏 Motels, hotels, or campgrounds due to lack of an adequate alternative
- 🍏 Cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, or abandoned buildings
- 🍏 Doubled-up with relatives or friends due to loss of housing or economic hardship

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Find Your Local McKinney-Vento Liaison



Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Virginia Department of Education
Coordinated by the William & Mary
School of Education

Office (757) 221-4002
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Website www.projecthopevirginia.org



Even if you have

Uncertain housing

A temporary address

No permanent physical address

you can enroll your child in school.

What Families Need to Know

Educational Rights For Children and Youth Lacking Fixed, Regular, and Adequate Housing

- 🍌 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.
- 🍌 You have the right to request transportation to the school of origin.
- 🍌 If you and the school disagree about school enrollment, you may have the right to appeal.
- 🍌 Your child automatically qualifies to participate in free school meals.
- 🍌 Your child has the right to participate in federal, state, or local programs for which they are eligible.

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



At School, Ask About:

- 🍌 School supplies
- 🍌 Before and after school programs
- 🍌 Tutoring and enrichment programs
- 🍌 Summer school programs
- 🍌 Preschool programs
- 🍌 Contact information for community resources

Also, let the school know if your child needs special education, English language, or gifted programs.

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



If you have questions, contact the school division's McKinney-Vento liaison or Project HOPE-Virginia.



Tips For Families Who Move Often

- 🍌 Keep a copy of birth certificates and school records accessible.
- 🍌 Safeguard all health and immunization records.
- 🍌 Have a reliable person keep a second copy of the child's birth certificate, school records, and health information.
- 🍌 Enroll children in school as soon as possible.

What You Can Do Before Moving

- 🍌 Tell your child's teacher and principal that your child is moving and give them the new address.
- 🍌 Let your McKinney-Vento liaison know if you want your child to stay in the school of origin.
- 🍌 Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations.