

AGENCY INFORMATION LIST

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

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline

www.dss.virginia.gov/abuse/index2.cgi
800-552-7096

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline

www.childhelp.org 800-422-4453

Cover Virginia - Medicaid & FAMIS

www.coverva.org 855-242-8282

Free Tax Assistance and Earned Income Tax Credit

www.irs.gov/eitc 800-829-1040

Hill Burton Free and Reduced-Cost Hospital Care

www.hrsa.gov/getthehealthcare/affordable/hillburton
800-638-0742

National Center for Homeless Education

www.serve.org/nche 800-308-2145

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

<http://traffickingresourcecenter.org>
888-373-7888

National Runaway Safeline

www.1800runaway.org 800-786-2929

SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/foodstamp.cgi
800-552-3431

Social Security Administration Hotline

www.ssa.gov 800-772-1213

Virginia Housing Development Authority

www.vhda.com 877-843-2123

Virginia Legal Aid

<http://vlas.org/> 866-534-5243

Virginia School Immunization Requirements

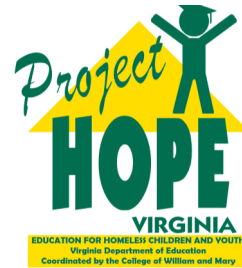
www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements
800-568-1929

VA Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

www.vsdvalliance.org 804-377-0335

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



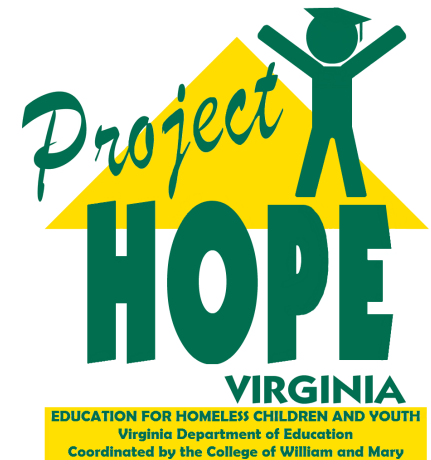
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Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795
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Toll Free in Virginia (877) 455-3412
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Local Homeless Education Liaison:

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Mathews County Public Schools
804 725-2580
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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

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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 SERVICES

- Basic school supplies
- Before and after school programs
- Contact information for community agencies and helpful resources
- Credit recovery options
- Gifted or talented programs
- Homeless assistance programs
- Mentoring programs
- Preschool programs
- Programs to help children learn English
- Special education programs for students with disabilities, especially if the student has previously received special education services
- Summer school programs
- Tutoring 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 local homeless education 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 school officials know if you want your child to stay in his/her school of origin while you are getting the family stabilized.
- Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations.