

Definition

Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate residence and includes children and youth who are:

- Temporarily “doubled up” with relatives or friends due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason.
- Living in motels, hotels, or campgrounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations
- Are abandoned in hospitals
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Awaiting foster care placement
- Runaway youth
- Youth not residing with their legal parent of guardian

(McKinney-Vento Homeless Act of 2001)

Independence Community Resources

Homeless Hotline	474-4599
Available shelter around the Metro.	
Hope House	461-4188
Domestic Violence Shelter & Services	
Community Service League	254-4100
Case management, food, & clothing	
Salvation Army	252-3200
Emergency shelter & support services	
United Services Community	
Action Agency	833-4333
Homeless case management	
Lunch Partners	254-6040
Free hot lunches	
Center Branch Remnant Church	
709 W. Maple	
Daystar Outreach Ministries	836-0577
Food truck delivery every Wednesday	
15605 E. 24 HWY	
United Way	2-1-1
Community referrals	
Division of Family Services	325-5800
Food stamps & Medicaid	

Independence School District Homeless Services



Board of Education Building
3225 S. Noland Road
Independence, MO 64055



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Educational Rights

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children in homeless situations have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
- Attend either the local school or the school of origin and receive transportation to and from the school of origin.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if missing documents normally required for enrollment such as a birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records.
- Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students (like free/reduced lunch, ELL, Title I services, special education, before & after school care, and gifted services).

District Goals

- Identify and meet the needs of students in homeless situations to maximize their success in school and minimize disruption of their education.
- Provide support and resources, including transportation, to maintain consistency and continuity in the educational process for students in homeless circumstances.
- Provide homeless students the same access to educational programs and opportunities as housed students.
- Engage parents and other adult caretakers in supporting the educational success of students in homeless situations.
- Coordinate services and supports for homeless students with community agencies and neighboring school districts.



Services & Supports Available

- Transportation
- School supplies & backpacks
- Clothing for school
- Activity and field trip fees
- Tutoring
- Scholarships for Kids Safari & Early Education programs
- Case management & support services
- Mental health counseling

If any questions or concerns, contact:

Homeless Coordinator:
Macha Greenleaf-Maple
(816) 521-5599 ext. 10036

Homeless Case Manager:
Nicole Sequeira (816) 521-5346