

## RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

### Housing:

- Canton Housing Authority (770) 479-4969
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Atlanta Regional Office (404) 331-5136
- Cherokee County Dept. of Family & Children's Services (770) 720-3629
- Good Neighbor Shelter (770) 607-0610

### Community Agencies:

- North GA Community Action (770) 345 6531
- Cherokee Family Violence Center (770) 479-1804
- Cherokee FOCUS (Families of Cherokee United in Service) (770) 345-5483
- Cherokee County Service League (770) 704- 5991
- Cherokee County Truancy Panel
- United Way Helpline: 2-1-1

### Health:

- Cherokee County Department of Public Health (770) 345-7371
- Bethesda Community Clinic (678) 880-9654
- Georgia Highlands Medical Services (770) 887-1668

### Food Donations:

- MUST Ministries (770) 721-2920
- Papa's Pantry (770) 591-4730
- Timothy's Cupboard (770) 928-2812

### Georgia Department of Education Homeless Education Program Consultant

- Maria Davis (678) 326-0397

*Cherokee County School District does not endorse or recommend any of the above agencies, as this list is for informational purposes*



## Homeless Children & Youth: Resources and Information

### HOMELESSNESS

- Women and children comprise the majority of Georgia's homeless population.
- More than 58,000 children in Georgia are homeless.
- 42% of homeless children in Georgia are under the age of 6.
- Children experiencing homelessness have twice the rate of physical health conditions and emotional problems as middle income children.
- Homeless children have an average 16% lower proficiency in math and reading, and an estimated graduation rate below 25%.

### CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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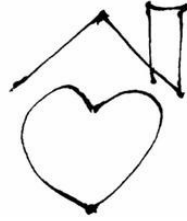
[www.cherokeek12.net](http://www.cherokeek12.net)

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Superintendent of Schools

## How is homelessness defined?

Individual who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and include:



- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- Living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or camping ground due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- Living in an emergency or transitional shelter;
- Abandoned in a hospital;
- Awaiting foster care placement;
- Living in a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Living in a car, park, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus, train station, or similar setting; or
- Classified as migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described above.

## What services are available for homeless students?

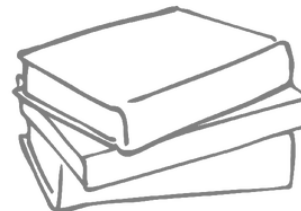
Each homeless student enrolled in a Cherokee County School shall be provided services comparable to services offered to other students in the school, including the following:

- Transportation services;
- Education services for which the homeless student meets eligibility criteria, such as Title I, educational programs for children with disabilities, and educational programs for students with limited English proficiency;
- Programs in vocation and technical education;
- Programs for gifted and talented education; and,
- School nutrition programs.



## How do I request an evaluation/determination of my child's situation?

If you believe your family circumstances qualify your child as homeless under the definition, please communicate with your child's principal or counselor.



## Appeal Process

Any dispute regarding providing a public education to a child designated as homeless will be presented to the school principal to be resolved. If the matter is not resolved at that level, the dispute shall be brought to the Superintendent or designee who will resolve the matter. If the matter is not resolved at this level, the dispute shall be brought to the Board of Education. In the event the dispute cannot be resolved locally, the parent/guardian may request a review of the dispute by the Georgia Department of Education.

## Homeless Liaison

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