

HOMELESS STUDENT SERVICES

Information and Resource Guide



OaklandSchools

Welcome



Thank you for contacting Oakland Schools Homeless Student Services. It is our mission to ensure that all students receive a quality, seamless education regardless of obstacles they may face because of living in a temporary location.

Oakland Schools is able to provide a variety of supportive services to school-aged youth who are transitionally housed or homeless. There are certain rights that are guaranteed to students who meet these criteria, and Oakland Schools can help ensure that your rights are protected.

Please review the information enclosed, and call our toll-free number if you need further assistance.

If the contact number that you gave us changes, please let us know so we can follow up and provide any necessary services you may find helpful to support the continued education and success of all children in Oakland County.

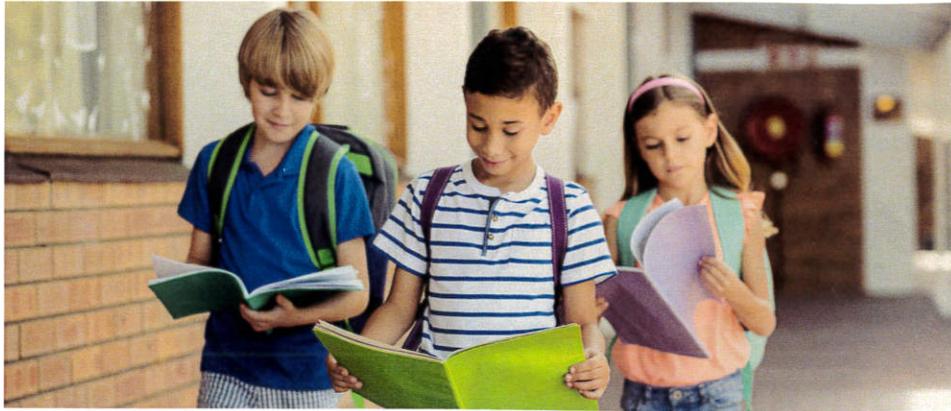
Our toll-free number is 888.795.5437. Please also feel free to contact us directly at 248.209.2414 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Thank you,

Oakland Schools Homeless Student Services

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If your family lives in any of the following situations, your preschool-aged and school-aged children have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act:

- In a shelter, motel or vehicle
- At a campground
- On the streets
- In an abandoned building, trailer or other inadequate accommodations
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing
- Living with someone who is not a legal parent or guardian
- You have a child in foster care placement or are a foster care parent

Your children have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. They must be given access to the same public education, including preschool education, provided to other children.
- Continue in the school they attended before you became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and it is feasible. If a school sends your child to a school other than the one you requested, the school must provide you with a written explanation and offer you the right to appeal the decision.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before your family became homeless, if you or a guardian request such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs.

When you move, you should do the following:

- Contact the school district's local liaison for homeless education for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school. Someone at a shelter, social services office or the school district can also direct you to the person you need to contact.
- Contact the school to provide you with any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances.
- Ask the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter provider or local social worker for assistance with clothing and school supplies if needed.

Shelter Resources

Grace Centers of Hope

*Emergency shelter, food and clothing for adults and adults with children.
Provides a one-year program.*
35 E. Huron St.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.334.2187

South Oakland Shelter (SOS)

Provides emergency shelter for adults and adults with children.
18505 W. 12 Mile Rd.
Lathrup Village, MI 48076
248.809.3773

H.A.V.E.N

Provides residential and shelter services for women and children fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault or child abuse.
P.O. Box 431045
Pontiac, MI 48343-1045
248.334.1284
248.334.1274 (crisis line)

Common Ground Sanctuary

*Provides temporary shelter for youths 10-17 years of age.
Provides transitional living for 17-20-year-olds.*
1222 S. Washington Ave.
Royal Oak, MI 48067
248.547.2260

HOPE Hospitality and Warming Center

Provides dinner, triage healthcare, showers, homeless assistance and overnight shelter.
Open November to April, 7pm – 7am
249 Baldwin Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.812.9276



Shelter Resources (Continued)

Robert Matchan Nutrition Center

Provides a warming center in extreme emergencies during the winter months.
Provides hot meals on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30am - 1pm
46352 Woodward Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.334.7750

Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS)

Provides shelter, food and counseling for men, women and families.
26 Peterborough St.
Detroit, MI 48201
313.831.3777

Salvation Army

Shelter located where space is available. Callers screened as to needs.
800.274.3583 (shelter hotline)

American Red Cross

Immediate emergency assistance for disaster victims. Must call to schedule an appointment. No walk-ins.
2388 Franklin Rd.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
248.334.3575
800.774.6066 (toll-free)

Welcome Inn Day Center

Provides lunch, showers, laundry, case management, nursing care and assistance in obtaining state ID.
2855 Wiltshire Rd.
Berkley, MI 48072
248.850.3219

Ruth Ellis Second Stories Drop-In Center

Provides short-and long-term shelter for youth aged 14-24 who identify as LGBTQ.
77 Victor St.
Highland Park, MI 48203
313.867.6936

Dial 2-1-1 for a list of shelters in your area.

Housing Resources

Lighthouse of Oakland County

Serving Oakland County north of Fourteen Mile Road. Rent and deposit assistance, when available.

46156 Woodward Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.920.6100

Lighthouse Emergency Service

Emergency housing assistance.

6330 Sashabaw Rd.
Clarkston, MI 48346
248.620.6116

Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency

Housing programs to assist low-income, elderly, medically fragile and persons with disabilities.

196 E. Cesar Chavez Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.209.2600

South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless

Provides computer training, use of phone and internet, clothes closet, laundry and shower facilities, medical attention and more. Call for hours.

Typically open 6 days a week from 6:30am - 8pm during winter months.
248.850.3219

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency - South

Financial assistance for shelter, utilities, etc.

1956 Hilton Rd.
Ferndale, MI 48220
248.542.5860

Community Housing Network, Inc.

Housing programs to assist low income individuals/families with disabilities. Also offering homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services (HPRP), which assists with locating long-term affordable housing. Provides a Housing Resource Center (HRC).

675 E. Big Beaver Rd.
Suite 211
Troy, MI 48083
248.928.0111

*CHN also has a website that includes a list of subsidized housing in Oakland and Macomb Counties.

Communityhousingnetwork.org

Housing Resources (Continued)

Training and Treatment Innovations - Housing Program

Housing programs to assist homeless individuals with mental health needs.

1225 E. Big Beaver Rd.
Troy, MI 48083
248.524.8801

Pontiac Area Transitional Housing (PATH)

Housing program for individuals.

46156 Woodward Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.335.1950

Hope Network/Supportive Housing Program

Housing programs to serve individuals/families who are homeless and have a mental illness.

70 Lafayette St.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.338.7458

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Limited financial help with housing costs. Help is provided through the local Catholic church. Call the rectory and request help from the St. Vincent de Paul Group.

877.788.4623
SVDPdetroit.org

Salvation Army - Pontiac

Housing assistance, utility assistance and community center for children and adults.

34 Oakland Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.334.2407

Housing and Urban Development (HUD)/Housing Authority

Housing information.

477 Michigan Ave.
Detroit, MI 48226
313.226.7900

Michigan Housing Locator

Web-based search for affordable rental housing.

www.MichiganHousingLocator.com



Housing Resources (Continued)

Royal Oak Twp. Housing Commission

Low income housing services.

8:30am - 5pm
8900 Cloverdale Ave.
Ferndale, MI 48220
248.398.8101

Southfield Housing Commission

Section 8 housing loan programs.

2600 Evergreen Rd.
Southfield, MI 48037
248.796.4170

Madison Heights Housing Commission

Section 8 housing loan programs.

8am - 4:30pm
300 West 13 Mile Rd.
Madison Heights, MI 48071
248.583.0843

Pontiac Housing Commission

English and Spanish provided. Section 8 housing choice voucher programs.

8am - 5pm
132 Franklin Blvd.
Pontiac, MI 48341
248.338.4551

Oakland County Housing Counseling Program

Provides counseling regarding rental housing issues, reverse mortgages, government subsidies for housing, emergency shelters, home ownership opportunities for low-income families and financial management.

250 Elizabeth Lake Rd.
Pontiac, MI 48341
248.858.5402
248.858.1891 (housing counseling hotline)
248.858.1891 (foreclosure hotline)

*Also try contacting local churches to seek donation assistance to be put toward housing costs.

Food Resources

The Gleaners

Give them your location and they will provide you with information about food pantries close to you. You can then go to the food pantry and receive food at no cost.
313.923.3535

United Way 2-1-1

Call 2-1-1 and they will give you information about food pantries that are close to you.

Auburn Hills Christian Center

Appointment only.
2592 E. Walton Blvd.
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
248.373.7139

St. John's Church

Must be able to prove Oakland County residency and have social security numbers for all family members.

Food pantry open Monday, 12:30pm - 3pm and Saturday, 9am - 12pm
26998 Woodward Ave.
Royal Oak, MI 48067
248.546.1255

Hospitality House Food Pantry

Food pantry open Monday 12pm - 7pm, Thursday 10am - 2pm
and Saturday, 11am - 2pm
1600 W. Maple Rd.
Walled Lake, MI 48390
248.960.9975

Open Arms Food Pantry

Open first and third Monday of the month, 9am - 2pm
451 W. Kennett Rd.
Pontiac, MI 48340
248.334.3280

God's Helping Hand

Open Wednesday, 10am - 1pm and Thursday, 4pm - 7pm
1866 Star-Batt Dr.
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
248.852.7400

Pantrynet.org

Visit pantrynet.org to find a pantry near you.



Food Resources (Continued)

Food Gathers

P.O. Box 131037
Ann Arbor, MI 48113
734.761.2796

Community Sharing

Open Tuesday, 10am - 1pm and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 6pm - 8pm
2029 N. Milford Rd.
Highland, MI 48357
248.889.0347

Active Faith

401 S. Washington St.
P.O. Box 188
South Lyon, MI 48178
248.437.9790

All Saints Market

Food pantry, including fresh produce. Accepts debit and EBT cards.
Open Saturday, 10am - 2pm
167 W. Pike St.
Pontiac, MI 48341
248.334.4571

Baldwin Center

Provides hot breakfasts, lunches and dinners, holiday food baskets and after school and summer lunches for children.
212 Baldwin Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.332.6101

Open Door Outreach Center

Distributes surplus government food. They also offer a thrift store, Christmas meals and gifts and many other low-income services.
Open Tuesday to Friday, 10am - 4:30pm
7170 Cooley Lake Rd.
Waterford, MI 48327
248.360.2930

Yad Ezra

Call for food. Open Sunday, 12pm - 2pm; Monday and Wednesday, 10am - 12pm, and Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30pm - 8pm
2850 W. 11 Mile Rd.
Berkley, MI 48072
248.548.3663

First Congregational Church of Rochester

Food pantry available to residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills, Oakland Township and Auburn Hills.
1315 N. Pine St.
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
248.651.6225

Clothing Resources

Salvation Army - Royal Oak

Must live in one of 12 cities surrounding Royal Oak. Call for details.
114 E. 4th St.
Royal Oak, MI 48067
248.542.6661

Salvation Army - Pontiac

Must be a resident of northern Oakland County.
34 Oakland Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.334.2407

Baldwin Ave. United Methodist Church

212 Baldwin Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48341
248.332.6101

Ladies of Charity

Clothes closet and food pantry.
Contact OSHSEP for referral assistance.

Neighborhood House of Rochester

Clothing closet. Must be a resident of Rochester or surrounding area.
1234 Inglewood Ave.
Rochester, MI 48307
248.656.0230 or
248.651.5836

Focus Hope: Family to Family

1355 Oakman Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48238
313.494.5500

Troy People Concerned

Provides clothing for individuals in south Oakland County but primarily serves Troy residents.
2045 Austin Dr.
Troy, MI 48063
248.528.9199



Clothing Resources (Continued)

Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan

Provides winter clothing for school-aged children.

P.O. Box 80932
Rochester, MI 48308
248.656.0414

Love INC of North Oakland County

Clothes closet located at St. Mary's of the Hills Church.

2512 Joslyn Ct.
Lake Orion, MI 48360
248.693.4357

Open Door Outreach Center

Clothing, food pantry and crisis funding for families in Waterford, White Lake, West Bloomfield, Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake, Commerce, Walled Lake and parts of Wixom.

7170 Cooley Lake Rd.
Waterford, MI 48327
248.360.2930

Emergency Services

FISH

Provides all types of emergency assistance including clothing and food. Call the location nearest to you.

Pontiac
248.334.5555

Oxford-Orion
248.693.0638

Wayne County
313.721.6616

Salvation Army - Pontiac

Provides food, clothing and other services. Must reside in northern Oakland County.

34 Oakland Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.334.2407

Baldwin Ave. United Methodist Church

Provides clothing, laundromat and children's programs.

212 Baldwin Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.332.6101

Open Door Outreach Center

Provides food, clothing and referral services for the White Lake, Milford, Commerce, Waterford and West Bloomfield area.

7170 Cooley Lake Rd.
Waterford, MI 48327
248.360.2930

Department of Human Services

Provides assistance for food stamps, medical assistance and financial assistance.

Madison Heights
30755 Montpelier
Madison Heights, MI 48071
248.583.8700

Pontiac
235 N Saginaw St.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.975.5200

Walled Lake
195 Ladd Rd.
Walled Lake, MI 48390
248.669.7600

**Please contact your local DHS office for information regarding the State Emergency Relief funds. They may be able to assist with rental assistance, house payments, property taxes, home repairs, utility bills, migrant hospitalization and burial costs.*

Prescription Assistance

Together Rx Access

Provides prescription-savings card. If you have no prescription coverage, save 25% to 40%.

800.444.4106

Partnership for Prescription

Helps low-income, uninsured Michigan residents get free or discounted brand name medications.

888.477.2669

Retail Store Pharmacies

Meijer, Kroger, Target, CVS and Kmart offer some prescriptions for \$5. Contact the stores for a list of medications offered. Meijer offers some antibiotics for FREE.

Walmart Prescription Program

Offered to all Walmart shoppers with 30-day prescriptions starting at \$4 and 90-day prescriptions starting at \$10. The offer is for generic brands and certain medications do not apply. Call your local Walmart to see if your medication is available for these special prices.

Online Services

www.needymeds.com

www.medtipster.com

Dental Services

Oakland Integrated Healthcare Network - Joslyn Smile Center

Call for additional resources and information.

816 Joslyn Ave.

Pontiac, MI 48340

248.758.1231



Medical Services

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) & Ferncare Clinic

Offers FREE health screenings, blood sugar checks, weight screenings and other prevention health checks.

OLHSA South

1956 Hilton Rd.
Ferndale, MI 48220
248.542.5860

Ferndale Foods

600 West Nine Mile Rd.
Ferndale, MI 48220
248.542.5860

Mercy Place Clinic

55 Clinton St.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.333.0978

Oakland Integrated Healthcare Network (OIHN)

Provides an integrated approach so you can receive all health-related services through one medical office.

248.724.7600

Project Chessed

6555 West Maple Rd.
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
248.592.2313

Gary Burnstein Health Clinic

Serving uninsured and under-insured for medical, dental and pharmaceutical services on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Open Tuesdays, 9am - 1pm and Thursdays, 6pm - 9pm.

Also open Friday mornings at 9am for homeless individuals.

90 University Dr.

Pontiac, MI 48342

248.758.1690

Oakland County Health Division

Pontiac

1200 North Telegraph Rd.
Pontiac, MI 48341
248.858.1280

Southfield

27725 Greenfield Rd.
Southfield, MI 48076
248.424.7000

Nurse on call

800.848.5533 or 248.858.1406

Contact for general medical nursing questions.

Oakland Primary Health Services

Sliding scale fee for health services and teen health centers.

46 N. Saginaw St.

Pontiac, MI 48342

248.322.6747



Other Services/Resources

The Michigan Works!

JobLink Career Center
Provide employment services, including Talent Freeway, training opportunities, etc.
1850 N. Perry St.
Pontiac, MI 48340
248.276.1777

New Horizons of Oakland County

Offers vocational rehabilitation services, vocational evaluations, training, employment services and other job-oriented services for individuals with a disability at multiple locations. Call a location near you for assistance.

Auburn Hills: 248.340.0549
Bloomfield Hills: 248.332.2111
Madison Heights: 248.585.9593
Novi: 248.476.6910
Davisburg: 248.625.0808

Detroit Job Corps

Educational and vocational training. Provides GED testing, college preparation, vocational training, housing and other services.

Detroit Job Corps Outreach & Admissions

11801 Woodrow Wilson St.
Detroit, MI 48206
313.852.0300
800.733.JOBS (toll-free)
www.jobcorps.gov

Lapeer County Unemployment Agency

307 S. Court St.
Lapeer, MI 48446
810.664.1680

Lighthouse Center for Working Families

Employment and education services, financial literacy coaching and income support.
248.920.6000

Walled Lake Career Center

615 N. Pontiac Trail
Walled Lake, MI 48390
248.956.5060

Common Ground

Mental health emergencies.
800.231.1127



Other Services/Resources (Continued)

Credit Counseling Centers

Call for locations.
248.553.5400

Judson Center Counseling Services

248.549.4339

Oakland County Community Mental Health

248.858.1210

Auburn Hills Public Library

3400 E. Seyburn Dr.
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
248.370.9466

PACE

Offers substance abuse screening, counseling services, co-occurring disorders and special services for women with small children and expecting mothers.

1200 N Telegraph Rd.
Building 34 East
Pontiac, MI 48341
248.858.5200
248.858.0001

Royal Oak Public Library

222 E. 11 Mile Rd.
Royal Oak, MI 48068
248.246.3700

Pontiac Public Library

60 E. Pike St.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.758.3942

*Most libraries offer Internet access, free of charge.

Legal Aid

Represents clients in most civil legal matters affecting individuals and families.
28 N. Saginaw St.
5th floor, Suite 510
Pontiac, MI 48328
248.456.8150

Dial 2-1-1

Find employment/job training, shelters, food pantries, rent assistance, legal aid, medical services, care for seniors and more.

TeenYellowPages.org Oakland County WIC (Women, Infants and Children)

Free Nutrition Education Program for Low-Income Families

248.858.1272
888.350.0900 ext. 81272 (toll-free)

Furniture Bank of SE Michigan

333 N. Perry St.
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.332.1300

Thomas Cooley Law School

Lakeshore Legal Aid - Cooley Law School Family Collaborative
Provides free legal help to low-income residents of Oakland County. Call ahead to determine eligibility! Deals primarily with family law/domestic violence issues.
2630 Featherstone Rd.
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
248.335.0125

Oakland Literacy Council

Agency is on Telegraph Road at Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills, but tutoring is provided at public locations convenient to the learner and tutor. Adults 18 and older who are living, working or going to school in Oakland County, functioning at an eighth-grade level or below and who need help with reading, writing or English as a second language (ESL). Free one-on-one tutoring by trained volunteers, one to two hours per week at a mutually convenient public location. Workshops and activities are offered throughout the year for tutors and learners.

248.253.1617
248.232.4664
info@oaklandliteracy.net
www.oaklandliteracy.org

Centro Multicultural La Familia

ESL classes. Limited transportation within an 8-mile radius as well as limited child care.

Open 8:30am to 5:00pm on weekdays
35 W. Huron St.
Suite #500
Pontiac, MI 48342
248.858.7800
www.centromulticultural.org

Boys and Girls Club of South Oakland County

1545 E Lincoln Ave.
Royal Oak, MI 48067
248.544.4166 ext. 103
www.boysandgirlsclub.us

**Contact your local liaison to see what activities are available in your school district.*



For more assistance, please contact your local liaison.

School District _____

Local Liaison _____

Contact Number _____

For further questions or assistance, please contact OSHSS
toll-free at 888.795.5437 or 248.209.2414.



Our mission

It is the mission of Oakland Schools Homeless Student Services to provide a quality, seamless educational experience for all children, without regard to physical, social or bureaucratic obstacles posed by homelessness.



Contact Us



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888.795.5437 (toll-free)



oakland.k12.mi.us

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Homeless Student Services

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248.209.2414

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