

**The McKinney-Vento
Homeless Assistance Act
ensures educational stability
for children and youth
experiencing homelessness.**

- immediate enrollment without proof of residency, immunizations, school records, or other documents
- school stability to continue in the school of origin for the duration of homelessness and the end of the academic year
- enrollment in any public school in the attendance area where the student resides
- transportation to the school of origin
- enrollment in free lunch program and other school resources
- identification and removal of barriers that prevent students from receiving appropriate credit for full or partial coursework or absences
- assistance from counselors
- privacy protections under FERPA
- referrals to community resources and housing options



Referrals and Resources:

<https://tinyurl.com/47zsw8da>

Intake Line:

303-982-1144

**Community
and Family
Connections**

**Frequently Asked
Questions**

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*Access, equity, and opportunity
to ensure every child achieves.*

What is Community and Family Connections (CFC)?

Our team of 7 CFC Liaisons work to identify and support students who are McKinney-Vento eligible. CFC Liaisons are also trained to assist students and families with enrollment to low-cost or free health insurance programs including Medicaid and CHP+ as well as SNAP and TANF.



Does Community and Family Connections or Jeffco Public Schools provide housing for students and/or their families?

CFC liaisons provide recommendations to external community partners that specialize in assisting families and youth to become stably housed.

What can unsheltered students and families do if they need a hotel voucher?

CFC liaisons provide Jeffco Human Services sponsored hotel vouchers to unsheltered families during declared severe weather nights. Individuals can contact 2-1-1 or their TANF caseworker (if applicable) for vouchers during non-severe weather nights.

How can you help a family that needs assistance with their Section 8 voucher?

CFC liaisons recommend that Section 8 voucher holders contact their housing authority for guidance and assistance with housing listings.

Does Community and Family Connections provide rental assistance or deposit assistance?

CFC is a federally funded program and financial resources can only be used towards educational supports.



Does CFC provide transportation assistance like RTD Passes or door-to-door to any student that needs it?

CFC Liaisons provide transportation assistance to qualified McKinney-Vento eligible students.



Can CFC supply hygiene items to schools?

CFC Liaisons supply hygiene items to McKinney-Vento eligible students.



Does the Community and Family Connections program give school supplies to all Jeffco students?

CFC Liaisons give school supplies to McKinney-Vento eligible students as needed.



How can I get a FAFSA letter for my student?

CFC Liaisons issue FAFSA letters for McKinney-Vento eligible and/or unaccompanied youth (UY).

Community Resources

Some families and students have found the following resources useful:

Colorado Legal Services

<https://www.coloradolegalservices.org/>
(Free legal services to any eligible low-income person)

Family Tree

<https://www.thefamilytree.org/>
Housing assistance

Foothill Regional Housing

<https://www.foothillsrh.org/>
Housing assistance

Hunger Free Colorado

<https://hungerfreecolorado.org/>
855-855-4626
Food Resource Hotline

Mother Cabrini

<https://mothercabrinishrine.org/resources>
Resource Directory that lists social services organizations by the services they provide

Jeffco Human Services

<https://www.jeffco.us/human-services>

The Action Center

<https://theactioncenter.org/>
303.237.7704
Offers resources and services

United Way

2-1-1
Resource Hotline