

## 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/family/cps/index.cgi](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cps/index.cgi)  
800-552-7096

### Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline

[www.childhelp.org](http://www.childhelp.org) 800-422-4453

### Cover Virginia - Medicaid & FAMIS

[www.coverva.org](http://www.coverva.org) 833-5CALLVA

### Free Tax Assistance and Earned Income Tax Credit

[www.irs.gov/eitc](http://www.irs.gov/eitc) 800-829-1040

### National Center for Homeless Education

<https://nche.ed.gov> 800-308-2145

### National Human Trafficking Resource Center

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org>  
888-373-7888

### National Runaway Safeline

[www.1800runaway.org](http://www.1800runaway.org) 800-786-2929

### SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

[www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/snap.cgi](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/snap.cgi)  
800-552-3431

### Social Security Administration Hotline

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) 800-772-1213

### Virginia Housing Development Authority

[www.vhda.com](http://www.vhda.com) 877-843-2123

### Virginia Legal Aid

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

### Virginia School Immunization Requirements

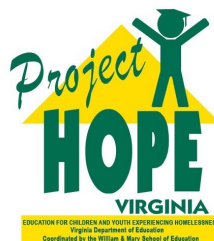
[www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements)  
800-568-1929

### VA Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

[www.vsdvalliance.org](http://www.vsdvalliance.org) 1-800-838-8238  
Text 804-793-9999

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



### Virginia Department of Education

William & Mary School of Education

P.O. Box 8795

Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795

Office: (757) 221-4002

Toll Free in Virginia (877) 455-3412

[homlss@wm.edu](mailto:homlss@wm.edu) | [www.wm.edu/hope](http://www.wm.edu/hope)

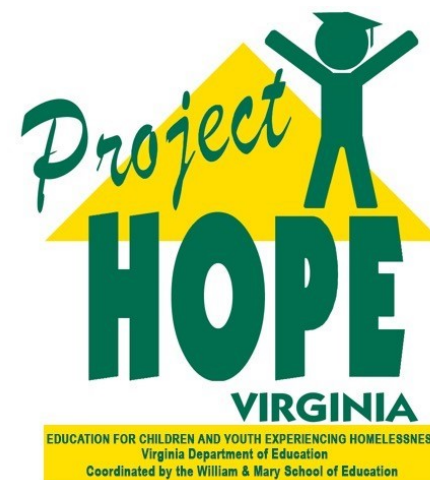
### Local Homeless Education Liaison:

Affix your contact information here  
(Fits Avery label 5160)

Paid for by funds from the McKinney-Vento  
Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program  
through the Virginia Department of Education

# What Families Need to Know

## Your Child Can Enroll in School...



## Even if you have:

- Uncertain Housing
- A Temporary Address
- No Permanent Physical Address

Fall 2021

## 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.