

Community Resources

Early Childhood Education Programs

• Head Start Programs

Serving children 3-5 years old and their families

Brawners Head Start 301-375-6157

6655 Weaver St. Indian Head, MD 20640

Eva Turner Head Start 301-645-9720

1000 Bannister Cr Waldorf, MD 20602

Health Partners Head Start 301-645-5341

• **CCPS Judy Center** 301-934-7493

Serving children ages birth through kindergarten at

C. Paul Barnhart, Dr. Samuel Mudd and Eva Turner elementary schools.

• **CCPS Prekindergarten Program** 301-934-7380

A child must turn 4 years old on or before September 1 of the current school year.

• **Infants and Toddlers Program** 301-753-1745, Ext. 105146

Services are provided to infants and toddlers, birth through 4 years, who may be delayed in development or have disabilities.

• **Title I Three Year Old Program** 301-392-5520

A child must turn 3 years old on or before September 1 of current school year. Serves Title I elementary schools only.

Food and Clothing

• Catholic Charities 301-274-0695

• Children's Aid Society 301-645-1561

• Department of Social Services 301-392-6400

• Neighbors Eager to Serve

(serves Western Charles County) 301-375-8576

• LifeStyles, Inc. of Southern Maryland 301-609-9900

• Salvation Army 301-638-9532

Food Pantries

• Anathoth House 301-751-4870

• The Arnold House

Weekend Backpack Program 202-494-7556

• Children's Aid Society 301-645-1561

• Christ Church Durham-Joe's Place 301-752-7383

• Christ Church Port Tobacco 301-392-1051

• First Baptist Church of St. Charles 301-645-4060

• Holy Ghost Catholic Church Wayside

Food Bank 301-259-2559

• Hughesville Baptist Church 301-274-3672

• La Plata United Methodist Church 301-934-2288

• La Plata Church of Nazarene 301-645-8249

• Neighbors Eager to Serve 301-375-8576

• New Hope Community Outreach 301-843-3887

• Peace Lutheran Church 301-843-1832

• Potomac Heights Baptist Church 301-743-5444

• Share Food Network 301-864-3115

• South Potomac Church 301-392-5730

• St Joseph's Church 301-539-3903

Community Resources

• St Joseph's Church 301-539-3903

• St. Paul's Episcopal Church 301-645-5000

• Worship Center 301-375-8655

• W.W. Lord Led Ministry 301-246-4678

Hot Meals Sites/Soup Kitchens

• Our Place at Good Shepherd 301-843-6797

• First Baptist Church of St. Charles 301-638-0589

• Trinity Baptist Church 301-645-7889

• Metropolitan UMC 301-375-9088

Summer Meals

• CCPS Lunch On Us Program

www.ccboc.com/community/parents/lunchonus

Housing Choice Voucher Program

• Department of Community Services 301-934-9305

301-870-3388

Homeless Certification & Case Management

• Department of Social Services 301-392-6400

• LifeStyles, Inc. of Southern Maryland 301-609-9900

Supportive Housing and Emergency Shelters

• Catholic Charities Angel's Watch Shelter

301-274-0680

• Department of Social Services 301-392-6400

• LifeStyles, Inc. 1-866-293-0623

301-609-9900

Gayle's House/Martha's Place/Dana's Place/Robert J. Fuller

House/Safe Nights/Southern Crossings/Haven of Hope

Rental and Utilities Assistance

• Children's Aid Society 301-645-1561

• Department of Social Services 301-392-6400

• Core Service Agency 301-609-5757

• Interfaith Community Connection 301-374-9028

• LifeStyles, Inc. of Southern Maryland 1-866-293-0623

• Neighbors Eager to Serve 301-375-8576

• Salvation Army 301-638-9532

• So MD Tri County Community Action Committee

301-475-5574, ext. 35 (utilities) ext. 32 (rent)

• Waldorf Jaycees 301-645-4546

• VFW/American Legion Posts www.legion.org

Utilities and deposit services for veterans only

Medical/Health Care Services

• Department of Health 301-609-6900

• Greater Baden Medical Services 301-888-2233

• Health Partners 301-645-3556

Mental Health Services

• Department of Health 301-609-6900

• Core Service Agency 301-609-5757

Community Resources

Transportation Services

• Dept. of Planning and Growth/VanGo

301-609-7919

• LifeStyles, Inc. of Southern Maryland

1-866-293-0623

Emergency Numbers

• Medical or Psychiatric Emergency

Call 911

• Charles County Adult Protective Services

301-392-6724

• Charles County Child Protective Services

301-392-6739

• Charles County Sheriff's Office

301-932-2222

• First Call for Help/Maryland 211

1-800-492-0618

Additional Referral Resources

• Charles County Public Library

www.ccplonline.org

• College of Southern Maryland

301-934-2251

• Department of Community Services

301-934-9305

• JobSource 301-374-1147

• United Way 301-609-4844

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Youth in Transition Program

McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth

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5980 Radio Station Road

P.O. Box 2770, La Plata, MD 20646

Main number: 301-932-6610

Student Services: 301-934-7326

Youth in Transition Coordinator/Homeless Liaison:

301-934-7210

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Definition of Homelessness

The federal McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Assistance Act defines homeless children and youth to be those who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

This includes children and youth:

- Sharing housing due to a loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to a lack of alternative, adequate housing.
- Abandoned in hospitals.
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters.
- Living in a public or private place not designated for or normally used for sleeping such as cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing including no water or electricity, etc.
- Who qualifies as a homeless unaccompanied youth.
- Who are migratory/living in above circumstances.

Educational Rights of Homeless Students

Eligible students have the right to:

- Equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education.
- Immediate enrollment even if lacking required documents for registration.
- Attend classes and fully participate in school activities while the school arranges to obtain required school and immunization records, and other documents as needed.
- Continue attending the school of origin for the duration of homelessness, and until the end of the academic year in which the student becomes permanently housed; or
- Enroll in the public school in the attendance area where the student is living and eligible to attend within his/her best interest.

Educational Rights of Homeless Students (con't)

- Receive transportation services to and from the school of origin, if requested and within his/her best interest.
- Attend classes and fully participate in school activities while the school and parent/guardian/unaccompanied youth seek to resolve a dispute over school enrollment.
- Receive free school meals, receive assistance to prepare and improve college and career readiness and participate in school-related and extra-curricular activities; and
- Access to educational and other services the student needs to enable them to meet the same challenging state academic standards to which all students are held.

Dispute Resolution Process

If a dispute arises regarding services for a homeless student, the parent/guardian/unaccompanied youth must file their dispute with the appropriate school principal in writing within 10 days.

- The principal shall issue a written decision within five school days.
- If dissatisfied with the decision, this decision may be appealed in writing within 10 school days to the school system homeless liaison who serves as the superintendent designee for displaced students. The homeless liaison must issue a decision within 10 school days.
- If dissatisfied with the decision, this decision may be appealed to the local school board, in writing, within 30 days. The local board shall decide the appeal on an expedited basis within 45 days of receipt of the appeal.
- If dissatisfied with the decision of the local board, the decision may be appealed to the State School Board, in writing, within 30 days.

Dispute Resolution Process (con't)

During the dispute resolution process, including any appeals, the student shall remain enrolled in the school system. The student has a right to:

- Enroll or continue at the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute; and
- Receive transportation services to the requested school for the duration of the dispute resolution process.

Best Interest Determination Factors

To consider if it is in the student's best interest to remain at their school of origin, or to attend the school in the attendance zone where they currently reside. Factors include:

- The student's age.
- The school which the student's siblings attend.
- The student's experiences at the school of origin.
- The student's academic needs.
- The student's emotional needs.
- Any other special needs of the family.
- Continuity of instruction.
- Length of stay in the shelter.
- The likely location of the family's future permanent housing.
- Time remaining in the school year.
- Distance of commute and the impact it may have on the student's education and other student-centered, transportation-related factors; and
- The safety of the child.

Learn more

For more information, visit www.ccboe.com/departments/student-services/student-registration/homeless-student-registration

Charles County Public Schools Contact Information

Elementary schools

C. Paul Barnhart	301-645-9053
Berry	301-638-2330
Billingsley	301-753-2088
Dr. Gustavus Brown	301-645-1330
Dr. James Craik	301-934-4270
William A. Diggs	301-638-7202
Gale-Bailey	301-743-5491
Dr. Thomas L. Higdon	301-934-4091
Indian Head	301-743-5454
Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer	301-932-9603
Malcolm	301-645-2691
T.C. Martin	301-274-3182
Mary H. Matula	301-934-5412
Arthur Middleton	301-645-3338
Walter J. Mitchell	301-934-4687
Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy	301-246-4383
Dr. Samuel A. Mudd	301-645-3686
Mary B. Neal	301-638-2617
J.C. Parks	301-375-7444
J.P. Ryon	301-645-3090
Eva Turner	301-645-4828
William B. Wade	301-932-4304

Middle schools

Theodore G. Davis	301-638-0858
John Hanson	301-645-4520
Matthew Henson	301-375-8550
Mattawoman	301-645-7708
Piccowaxen	301-934-1977
Phoenix International School of the Arts	301-753-2098
General Smallwood	301-743-5422
Milton M. Somers	301-934-4663
Benjamin Stoddert	301-645-1334

High schools

Henry E. Lackey	301-743-5431
La Plata	301-934-1100
Maurice J. McDonough	301-934-2944
North Point	301-753-1759
St. Charles	301-753-2090
Thomas Stone	301-645-2601
Westlake	301-645-8857

Centers

Early Learning Center	240-776-5804
F.B. Gwynn	301-753-1745
Robert D. Stethem	301-932-1003