

Community Support

Financial Empowerment:

Racine Co. Burlington Service Center
(262) 767.2922

Food:

Community United Church Food Pantry
(262) 534-2313

Love Inc. Food Pantry and Community Resources
(262) 763-6226

Norway Lutheran Church:
Helping Hands Foods Pantry
(262) 895-2281

St Thomas Aquinas Church
Food Pantry and Human Concerns
(262) 534-2255

Shelter:

Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO)
-Provides emergency shelter to individuals and families. (262) 633-3235

Transitional Living Center (TLC)
-Provides information and referral, short-term emergency shelter for women and children, transitional living services, and financial mentoring. (262) 767-1478

SAFE Haven Youth Shelter
-Provides shelter, food, clothing, case management, and crisis intervention services for runaways, homeless, troubled, and abused youth ages 10-17 years old. (262) 637-9559

Contact Us

If you experiencing homelessness contact,

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THE MC KINNEY VENTO ACT: FAMILIES IN TRANSITION PROGRAM



WHAT IS THE MCKINNEY VENTO ACT?

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act was created to make sure that homeless children or children in transitional situations have access to school immediately. It also ensures that these students have the same opportunities as non-homeless students so they can be successful in school.



WHO ARE FAMILIES IN TRANSITION THAT QUALIFY FOR MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT?

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines homelessness as lacking a “fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence”.

According to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, children, youth, and/or families are considered homeless if they are:

- Children and youth sharing the housing of friends/other family members (i.e. doubled up) due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason and have no other place to live
- Staying in a shelter, including domestic abuse shelters
- Living in locations such as motel, hotel, car, park, abandoned building, or campground
- Children and youth who are temporarily staying with friends/family other than with their parents/guardians (unaccompanied youth)
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in similar circumstances listed above

THE WATERFORD GRADED FAMILIES IN TRANSITION PROGRAM CAN HELP

The FIT program has a Families In Transition Liaison who is available to assist with qualification for the program which follows the McKinney Vento Act. The FIT Liaison can also help with your students rights. These rights include the right to:

- Receive a free and appropriate public education
- Be enrolled immediately in school without records from the previous school
- Remain in the school the student has been attending or enroll in school of current residence if that is your preference
- Participate in school programs and extracurricular activities
- Transportation when eligible
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your students needs.

HOW CAN THE WGSD LIAISON HELP?

The Families In Transition Liaison can further explain your educational rights under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and assist you in receiving the following services:

- Assist in obtaining needed school records, health records, special education records, and immunization records
- Transportation (when eligible)
- FREE Breakfast & lunch
- Waiver of school fees
- School supplies
- Waiver of fees for school extracurricular activities
- Translation, English Language Learners, Talented and Gifted, Title, and Special Education services
- Assist with community resources, social services agencies, and other services that can assist homeless families with basic needs such as food and clothing.
- Assist with the appeal process if you feel your rights have been denied

