When Help is Needed Beyond the Classroom

Assistance for Victory families
experiencing economic transition

Victory Charter School

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Our Mission:
To develop students who are competent, confident, productive, and responsible young adults who possess the habits, skills, and attitudes to succeed in life and be offered the invitation of a post-secondary education and satisfying employment.

Our Philosophy:
When a low-threat environment is coupled with highly-challenging content, accelerated learning takes place.

Our Commitment:
Our Governing Board, founders, administrator, teachers and staff hold firm to the school's emphasis on kindness, and commitment to the premise that every student and employee has the right to come to school expecting a safe environment for all. And, as part of the Nampa community, Victory representatives also hold that, to the practical extent possible, the school will serve as a community resource when help is needed. As a Title IA school, Victory is responsible for observing Title IX-A activities that address issues of homelessness.

The purpose of this brochure is to help carry out the mission, vision and commitment of this school in the area of family transition by being one of the resources to assist Victory students and families who may face housing and other uncertainties.

Who are Youth-in-Transition?
The more obvious signs of homelessness are usually easily recognized, such as seeing those sleeping on the streets, in public parks, or in cars, but it's more than that. Under Title IX-A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), youth in transition are defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and include those living in any of the following situations as described by the U.S. Department of Education:

- Doubled-up housing with grandparents, family, or friends due to economic conditions
- Living in a motel/hotel because other housing in unavailable
- Runaway youth
- Staying in a home for pregnant or unwed mothers w/out another place to live
- Staying at a domestic violence center
- Living in transitional housing
- Living on the streets
- Staying in abandoned buildings
- Sleeping in public places
- Living in a car, trailer, or campground
- A child awaiting foster care
- A seasonal, working family staying in unfit housing
- Unaccompanied youth.

Title IX-A: Youth-in-Transition Children ensures the educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness and includes:

- The right to immediate enrollment in school even without giving a permanent address, or who lack medical or other usual registration paperwork.
- The right to attend school in their school of origin (if requested and feasible), or in the school in the attendance area where the family or youth is currently residing.
- The right to receive to the extent possible transportation to the school of origin.
- The right to services comparable to those received by housed schoolmates, including all special educational services, as well as receiving required textbooks and supplies. Students who are experiencing homelessness automatically qualify for Free & Reduced meals once identified.
- The right to attend school alongside children not experiencing homelessness.
- Posting of homeless student rights in all schools and other community locations.

School Resources:

As a Title IA school carrying out Title IX-A activities, Victory:

- Reserves a portion of Title IA funds to serve youth-in-transition efforts, including monetary assistance to students identified as such that assists in their education.
- Reviews and revises policies that impede students who in economic transition.
- Posts rights of students who are in economic transition in the school.
- Identifies a school youth-in-transition liaison to assist students and staff on homeless issues.
- Provides this brochure, as well as information on the school website, in the weekly attendance note, in social media, and at school events to help those experiencing economic hardships, or who are facing the possibility of becoming homeless.

Community Resources that serve homeless situations:

Idaho's Homelessness response system:

Idaho has a standardized approach to homelessness response to address the needs of those experiencing a housing crisis, to help them gain access to programs & services, and to ensure those experiencing or at risk of homelessness that are seeking long-term housing solutions have consistent access to housing resources. In particular, individuals in need of housing assistance now have one, regional access point to work with -- in the Nampa area this is the Salvation Army, 403 12th Ave S, Nampa, 208-467-6586. Those in need of immediate shelter should continue to access emergency shelters, such as Nampa's Valley Women & Children's Shelter, 475-0725. The school's youth-in-transition liaison is also available to assist in sharing & helping coordinate these resources. Contact the school office if you would like to meet with the homeless liaison, 208-442-9400.

Additionally, the website, www.findhelpidaho.org, helps those needing to connect to various supports in our community. Financial assistance, food pantries, medical care, and other free or reduced cost help can be accessed by visiting and entering your zip code. If you do not have access to a computer at home, one can be provided at the school in order to access these services.

The Nampa Care House, https://www.carehp.org/, offers a number of services, including medical, dental, and counseling services in addition to the Care House being a food pantry.

When seeking assistance from local and state agencies, it is generally required to provide identification, eviction/shut-off notices, or other documents regarding your situation. If you are a Victory family, contact the school and ask for the Youth-in-Transition/homeless liaison, Mrs. O'Donahue, who can assist in your efforts to improve your situation.

Resources/Assistance Providers:

Victory Youth-in-Transition Liaison	208-442-9400 (Mrs. O'Donahue)
Victory Free & Reduced School Lunch	208-442-9400 (Victory Café Manager)
Boise Rescue Mission (BRMM)	
-Valley Women & Children's Shelter, Nampa	208-475-0725
Salvation Army-Nampa	208-467-6586
Love INC	208-466-7810
Idaho Food Bank	208-336-9643
Intermountain Gas Moratorium	208-377-6840
Terry Reilly Health Services 207 1st Street S., Nampa	208-466-7869
Southwest District Health & WIC 13307 Miami Lane, Caldwell	208 455-5345/208-455-5330
Idaho Dept. of Labor 4514 Thomas Jefferson St., Caldwell	208-364-7781
Idaho Careline @ 211 Telephone information & referral service for the Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare	211
First Church of the Nazarene-Medical Partnerships 601 16th Avenue S, Nampa (In partnership with St. Al's & Terry Reilly, provide quarterly medical clinics that can include basic medical & dental exams, flu shots, blood sugar & cholesterol testing, hearing/vision screenings, and mammograms.	208-466-3549
United Way of Treasure Valley 3100 S. Vista Avenue, Boise	208-807-2941

Food Pantries & Additional Assistance:

12 Baskets Food Pantry 11220 Lone Star Rd, Nampa	208-546-5896	Fridays, 12pm -2 pm
Apostolic Assembly Food Pantry 119 First Ave N, Nampa	208-409-6860	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6pm-9 pm
Seventh Day Adventist Comm. Service 307 W Iowa, Nampa (food & clothing)	208-461-1651	Wednesdays, Noon-4 pm
Nazarene Care House Food Pantry 1524 6th St. S. Ave., Nampa	208-466-5364	Tues., Thurs., Sat., 12:30pm-4 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry 2920 East Railroad Street, Nampa (Also provide free insurance reviews for Medicare & Medicaid, and housing expense assistance)	208-442-4452	Tuesday & Thursday, 3pm-5 pm
Salvation Army Food Pantry 403 12th Ave South, Nampa	208-467-6586	Monday-Thursday, 10 am-2pm

Free Meal Sites:

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BRMM – Valley Women & Children 869 Corporate Lane	475-0725	Breakfast: M-Sat, 5:45 am; 6:30 am Sunday Dinner: Daily, 6:15 pm
Salvation Army Comm. Family Shelter 1412 4th Street South	461-3733	Breakfast: M, Tues, & Thurs-Sat, 6-9 am Lunch: M, Tues, & Thurs-Sat, 11:30 am

Emergency Shelters in Nampa:

Boise Rescue Mission - Valley Women & Children's Shelter	475-0725	869 Corporate Lane - Check-in at 4 pm
Salvation Army Family Shelter Call for check-in procedure	461-3733 1412	4th St. S., Nampa

Title IX Non-Discrimination Statement: Victory Charter School is a tuition free, Idaho public charter school that has been operating since 2004. Victory is a Harbor Method School offering a complete K-12 education, with an emphasis on science and math with the integration of music. The school welcomes students without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, age, language barrier, religious beliefs, physical or mental handicap or disability, economic or social conditions, or actual or potential marital or parental status, or status as a homeless child. The school does not discriminate in any of its educational programs or activities, admissions procedures, or employment practices on the basis of sex and it is required by the Title IX not to discriminate in such a manner. Questions regarding Title IX may be referred to the school's Title IX coordinator, Mrs. O'Donahue, or to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR). Victory is a 501c3 non-profit organization.