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Vacant

2 Academic Counselors (Serve grades 7-12)

22 Clinical School Social Workers (Serve grades K-12)



Enroll-Attend-Succeed

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Clothing

Holy Cross Day Shelter	559-450-7800
Catholic Charities	559-237-0851
Salvation Army	559-233-0138
Love Inc	559-224-9599

Food

Hope Lutheran Church (Tues)	559-439-4320
Catholic Charities	559-237-0851
Salvation Army	559-233-0138
Poverello House	559-498-6988
Love Inc	559-224-9599

Housing

Fresno Rescue Mission	559-444-0451
Housing Authority	559-443-8400
Marjaree Mason Center	559-233-4357
Sanctuary Transitional Shelter	559-931-1444
Evangel Home	559-600-5315
Homeless Assistance	

Additional Resources

Fresno County Dept of Soc. Srvcs.	559-600-5956
	800-742-1011
Fresno County EOC	559-263-1588
Holy Cross Day Shelter Clinic	559-450-7800
PG&E	877-660-6787
FUSD Health Services	559-457-3301
FUSD Parent University	559-457-3390
FUSD Special Education	559-457-3220

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Achieving our Greatest Potential!

Department of Prevention & Intervention

Project ACCESS



Project ACCESS (Achievement in Core Curriculum for Equity and Student Success) serves schools, families and the community by providing support and advocacy that enable students to become college and career-ready graduates.

http://www.fresnou.org/dept/dpi

RIGHTS

FOSTER YOUTH AND STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAVE THE RIGHT TO ATTEND SCHOOL AND RECEIVE A FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION. WITHIN FUSD, PROJECT ACCESS CAN ASSIST YOU IN ACCESSING THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- **Foster/Homeless students cannot be kept out of school if you lack required documentation for enrollment.**
- **If you lack permanent housing, a Project ACCESS Affidavit will have to be completed upon enrollment.**
- **Student has the right to remain at the school of origin. If student is homeless, they have the right to remain until the end of the school year. Unless, student is in high school, they have the right to remain all four years.**
- **If you do not agree with the school placement of your child, you can file a dispute form.**
- **Public transportation assistance is available when the student resides outside of their school of origin boundaries.**

Foster Definition:

A "minor being in foster care" means a child under the legal age of adulthood who has been placed in the temporary care of a state-licensed adult, known as a foster parent, by a court order (welfare institution code 300) due to an unsafe home environment, usually caused by abuse, neglect, or parental inability to care for them, where the foster parent is responsible for providing the child with a safe and stable living situation until the child can be safely returned to their biological family or placed permanently with another family through adoption or guardianship.

Homeless definition according to Mckinney Vento Act (LEA requirement):

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children and youths as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This definition also includes the following: Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.





Project ACCESS Services

- Individual/Group Counseling
- Case Management
- School Supplies
- Bus Tickets, if eligible
- Community Resources
- Provides support for extracurricular school activities

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(559) 457-3359

District Services

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homelessness as "lacking a fixed, regular, stable, and adequate nighttime residence." Our program supports students and families currently experiencing housing instability. Those who are in transition may apply for Project ACCESS services and, upon meeting eligibility criteria, receive support.

Students in foster care automatically receive Project ACCESS services and have the right to remain at their school of origin if it is in the student's best interest.

Project ACCESS provides student support to all enrolled students in the program through various qualified staff members to ensure their social, emotional, and academic needs are met.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

Parent/guardian it is your responsibility to ensure that your child/ren are enrolled.
Parents/guardian be sure to inform your child's school if there are any changes to your address. It is important that you notify the school and Project ACCESS immediately upon relocating.
Affidavits are required to be completed annually as they are only good for the current academic school year.
Families will receive a reminder notification to reapply if their status of housing has not changed.