COMMUNITY RESOURCES

St. VIncent DePaul Food Pantry
210 Garnier St., Pittsburgh, PA 15215
(412) 781-2866

Roots of Faith
800 Main St., Pittsburgh, PA 15215
(412) 799-0111
- Will help link families with housing
- Biweekly free meals
- Monthly "ask a social worker"
- Guidance with utility bills
- Monthly food pantry

HEARTH
3724 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116
(412) 366-9801
- Provides transitional living for women and children who have survived domestic violence or other trauma

Light of Life Rescue Mission
234 Voeghtly St., Pittsburgh, PA 15215
Men's shelter - (412) 803-4120
Women's shelter - (412) 258-6134

Sharpsburg Family Worship Center
600 Clay St. Sharpsburg, PA 15215
(412) 799-0701
- Free meals from 5:30-6:30 Wednesdays
- Nonperishable groceries distributed Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Familylinks
401 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206
(866)-583-6003
- Emergency shelter
- Helps link families to housing

THE EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTHS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM

This program exists to help homeless children and their families with a variety of services. If you believe your child may be eligible, contact their school counselor or the district's homeless liaison to find out what services and supports may be available to you.

FCASD HOMELESS LIAISON

Ms. Susan Nichols
(412) 967-2431

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Fox Chapel Area High School - (412) 967-2430
Mr. Tim McLister (A-C) Ms. Tina Crissman (L-O)
Mr. John Baxter (D-G) Mr. Ben O'Connor (P-S)
Ms. Dana Papalia (H-K) Ms. Tara DeComo (T-Z)

Dorseyville Middle School - (412) 767-5343
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Ms. Breane DeComo

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Ms. Stefanie Lipke

Hartwood Elementary School - (412) 767-5396
Ms. Jacqueline Kissinger

Kerr Elementary School - (412) 781-4105
Mrs. Sara Benko

O'Hara Elementary School - (412) 963-0333
Ms. Rachel Machen & Ms. Jennifer Squeglia

SERVICES & RIGHTS FOR HOMELESS & DISPLACED YOUTHS

OUR MISSION

WE INSPIRE AND SUPPORT LEARNING FOR EVERY CHILD, EVERY CHANCE, EVERY DAY

OUR VISION

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE EMPOWERED TO ACHIEVE TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

RIGHTS & ELIGIBILITY OF CHILDREN & YOUTHS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

DEFINITION OF HOMELESS

The McKinney-Vento Act states that children and youths who lack "a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence" will be considered homeless.

If your family is experiencing any of these situations, please contact your school district or the district's homeless liaison:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, and/or a similar reason
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- Living in emergency, transitional shelters or were abandoned in hospitals
- Have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, regular sleeping accommodations for human beings
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, and/or similar settings
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in the circumstances described above

HOMELESS STUDENTS' RIGHTS

Any student who qualifies as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act has the following rights regarding their education:

- Right to continue at school of origin, the school they attended before becoming homeless, or the school in which they were last enrolled
- Right to immediate enrollment even if they lack normally required documents, such as immunization records or proof of residence
- Right to receive transportation to and from their school of origin, if it is in the child's or youth's best interest
- Free school breakfast and lunch
- Assistance with school fees, including field trips, physical education fees, lab fees, and other school fees
- Assistance in obtaining extra school supplies
- Assistance with connections to social service agencies in the community

The Fox Chapel Area School District believes that homeless students should have access to free and appropriate public education. Our goal is to limit the barriers that our homeless students may face and have the educational process continue as uninterrupted as possible for students in a homeless situation.

BEST INTEREST DETERMINATION

In determining the best interest of a child or youth, the Fox Chapel Area School District shall:

- Presume that keeping the child or youth in the school of origin is in their best interest, except when doing so is contrary to the request of the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth
- Consider student-centered factors related to the impact of mobility on achievement, education, and/or health and safety, giving priority to the request of the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth
- If, after such consideration, the district determines that it is not in the child's or youth's best interest to attend the school of origin or the school requested by the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth, the district shall provide the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of the reasons for its determination. The explanation shall be in a manner and form understandable to the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth and shall include information regarding the right to appeal.