

AGENCY INFORMATION LIST

The following contacts may be useful resources to families and children experiencing homelessness.

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline

www.dss.virginia.gov 800-552-7096

Childhelp USA Hotline

www.childhelp.org 800-422-4453

Cover Virginia – Medicaid and FAMIS

www.coverva.org 866-873-2647

SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/foodstamp.cgi
804-726-7361

Free Tax Assistance and Earned Income Tax Credit

www.irs.gov/eitc 800-829-1040

National Center for Homeless Education

www.serve.org/nche 800-308-2145

National Runaway Safeline

www.1800runaway.org 800-786-2929

Virginia School Immunization Requirements

www.vdh.state.va.us/epidemiology/immunization/requirements.htm 1-800-568-1929

Pupil Transportation

www.doe.virginia.gov/support/transportation/index.shtml 804-225-2037

Social Security Administration Hotline

www.ssa.gov 800-772-1213

VA Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

www.vsdvalliance.org 804-782-1986

Virginia Housing Development Authority

www.vhda.com 877-843-2123

Virginia Lawyer Referral Service

www.vsb.org/vlrs 800-552-7977

Your family may meet criteria if, **due to a lack of permanent housing**, you live in **inadequate** or **temporary** settings, such as:

- In emergency or transitional shelters
- In motels, hotels, or campgrounds due to lack of an alternative
- In cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, or abandoned buildings
- Doubled up with relatives or friends due to loss of housing

If you have questions, contact the school division's local homeless education liaison or Project HOPE-Virginia.



**KING GEORGE
COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**Local Homeless Education Liaison:
Mary Pietras Fisher
Supervisor of Student and Family Services
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540-775-5833 x 8614**

Virginia Department of Education

The College of William and Mary – SOE
P.O. Box 8795 Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795

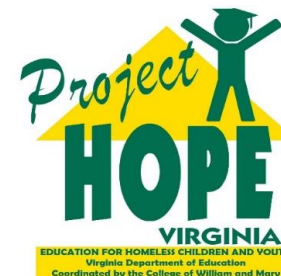
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What Families Need to Know



Your child can enroll in school even if you have...

- ***Uncertain housing***
- ***A temporary address***
- ***Limited student records***



EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH LACKING FIXED, REGULAR, AND ADEQUATE HOUSING

Families who meet certain criteria should know:

- You do not need a permanent address to enroll your child in school.
- Your child cannot be denied school enrollment when school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- Your child may be able to remain in the same school (school of origin) even if you move.
- When in your child's best interest, he or she has the right to request transportation assistance to remain in the school of origin.
- Your child automatically qualifies to participate in free breakfast and lunch programs.
- Your child has the right to participate in extracurricular activities and all federal, state, or local programs for which he/she is eligible.

Unaccompanied youth
(not accompanied by a parent)
who lack fixed, regular, and adequate
housing have these same rights.

AT SCHOOL, ASK ABOUT:

- Basic school supplies
- Tutoring and mentoring programs
- Credit recovery options
- Programs to help children learn English
- Gifted or talented programs
- Summer school programs
- Preschool programs
- Before and after school programs
- Homeless assistance programs
- Special education programs for students with disabilities, especially if the student has previously received special education services
- Contact information for community agencies and helpful resources

Schools give children and youth experiencing homelessness hope and a chance for a better future.



TIPS FOR FAMILIES WHO MOVE OFTEN

- Keep a copy of birth certificates and school records accessible.
- Safeguard all health and immunization records.
- Have a reliable person keep a second copy of the child's birth certificate, school records, and health information.
- Enroll children in school as soon as possible.



WHAT YOU CAN DO BEFORE MOVING

- Tell your child's teacher and principal that your child is moving and give them the new address.
- Let school officials know if you want your child to stay in his/her school of origin while you are getting the family stabilized.
- Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations.