

# WINTHROP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## MCKINNEY-VENTO RESOURCE DIRECTORY For Homeless Families

### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**Mass. Dept. of Transitional Assistance** 617-551-1700  
(Food, Job and Cash Assistance, and Emergency Shelter)

**CAPIC** 617-884-6130  
(Fuel Assistance, Head Start, Emergency Assistance, Crisis Intervention, After School Programs, Workforce Development)  
[www.capicinc.org](http://www.capicinc.org)

**CASA** 617-539-0721  
(Substance Abuse Help)

**Catholic Charities-Dorchester Office** 617-506-6600  
(Adult Ed, Basic Needs, Childcare, Elder Services, ESOL, Family Support, Food Pantry, Shelter, Youth Services)

**Massachusetts HEATLINE** 1-800-632-8175  
(Fuel assistance)

**Mass Coalition for the Homeless** 781-595-7570  
(Furniture bank, resources, and advocacy)

**MassStart** 617-912-7704  
(Youth Services)

**North Suffolk Mental Health** 617-889-4860

**SafeLink** 1-877-785-2020

**SafeLink TTY** 1-877-521-2601  
Massachusetts 24/7 toll-free domestic violence hotline

**Department of Children and Families** 617-660-3400

**Stepping Stones** 781-286-1600

**Council on Aging** 617-846-8538

**Winthrop Public Library** 617-846-1703





## MCKINNEY-VENTO DEFINITION OF HOMELESS

- Do not have a permanent home
- Live in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds
- Are in State care or custody
- Live in cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, sub-standard buildings, or similar settings
- Share housing of other persons due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Are considered an unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian)
- Are placed in a Starr Program

## WHAT HOMELESS FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW

- Children and youth experiencing homelessness have the right to attend school.
- A permanent address is not needed to enroll in school.
- Children in homeless situations have the right to stay in the school they attended before becoming homeless or where they last enrolled (school of origin) if the parent or guardian so chooses.
- Transportation must be provided if the homeless student moves to an area served by another district. If the homeless student continues to live in the area served by the district, transportation services are comparable to those received by other students.
- Schools must provide a written explanation if a placement dispute occurs; student continues attending school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute; parents/guardians may contact the school Homeless Liaison.
- A homeless child cannot be denied school enrollment just because school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available and must be enrolled immediately.
- A homeless child has the right to participate in extracurricular activities and all federal, state, or local programs for which he/she is eligible.
- A homeless child is entitled to free breakfast and lunch, transportation assistance and to receive Title 1 services.



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