

## Resources for the Homeless

### FOOD

- Newton Food Pantry.....(617) 559-6026  
Waltham Food Pantry .....(781) 642-7000  
Allston-Brighton Food Pantry ..... (617) 254-4046  
Brookline Food Pantry .....(617) 566-4953  
Boston Food Pantry ..... (617) 375-0700 x 210  
Helping Hand Food Pantry .....(617) 576-2329  
Greater Boston Food Bank .....(617) 427-5200

### FURNITURE/CLOTHING

- Salvation Army .....(617) 427-6700  
Solutions At Work ..... (617) 492-0300  
St. Francis House ..... (617) 542-4211

### HOUSING

- Newton Housing Authority..... (617) 552-5501  
Homes for Families .....(617) 227-4188  
Metropolitan Boston  
Housing Partnership .....(617) 859-0400

Department of Transitional  
Assistance, Boston .....(617)348-8400

Department of Housing  
and Community Development.....(617) 573-1100

Mass. Affordable Housing .....(617) 822-9100

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Boston Medical Center  
Homeless Program .....(617)534-2526

Boston Healthcare  
for the Homeless Program .....(857)654-1000

Head Start Brighton ..... (617) 783-5646

Friends of Boston's Homeless .....(617) 534-2526

Society of St. Vincent De Paul .....(617) 268-0710

Department of Children  
and Families .....(781) 641 8500

American Red Cross..... (617) 274-5200

## Homeless Shelters

**Second Step** .....(617) 965-3428  
P.O. Box 600213, Newtonville,MA

**Crittenton Hastings House**.....(617) 782-7600  
10 Perthshire Road, Brighton, MA

**Pine Street Inn** .....(617) 482-4944  
444 Harrison Ave., Boston MA

**Heading Home Boston Shelter** .....(617) 267-8081  
656 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, MA

**St. Francis House**.....(617) 542-4211  
39 Boylston St., Boston, MA

**Harvard Square Homeless Shelter**... (617) 547-2841  
66 Winthrop St.,Cambridge, MA

**Crossroads Family Shelter**.....(617) 567-5926  
56 Havre St. Boston, MA

**Multiservice Center Homeless**.....(617) 349-6340  
19 Brookline St., Floor 1, Cambridge, MA

### Hotlines

**National Domestic  
Violence Hotline** .....(800) 799-7233

**Parent Stress Line**..... (800) 632-8188

**Greater Boston Legal Services**..... (800) 323-3205

**National Runaway Hotline** .....(800) 786-2929

**Project Bread Hotline** .....(800) 645-8333

### **The Mission of the Newton Public Schools:**

*To educate, prepare, and inspire all students to achieve  
their full potential as lifelong learners, thinkers, and  
productive contributors to our global society.*

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SEX, DISABILITY, RELIGION, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION

# NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## McKINNEY-VENTO Homeless Assistance Act of 2001



*“Supporting the Academic  
Achievement of Students in  
Non-Permanent Housing”*

### **Local Liaison for Homeless Education:**

**Tracey Mucci**

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Newton Public Schools  
McKinney-Vento Liaison

### **Definition of Homelessness:**

Children and youth who lack a regular, adequate and fixed nighttime residence including: children who share housing with other persons due to loss of housing or economic hardship; children living in emergency or transitional shelters; children living in motels, campgrounds, trailer parks, etc. as well as unaccompanied youth.

### **If Your Family Lives in any of the Following Situations:**

- In a shelter, motel or campground
- On the street
- In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or
- Doubled up with friends or relative because you cannot find affordable housing

**Then your preschool-aged and school-aged children have certain rights or protections under the McKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT.**

### **When you move, you should do the following:**

Contact the school district's local liaison for homeless education for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue his/her former placement.

- Contact the school and provide information that will assist the teachers in helping your child.
- Ask the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter provider or social worker for help with clothing and supplies, if needed

### **Homeless students and their families have the following rights:**

- **To go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.**  
They must be given access to the same public education, including pre-school education, provided to other children.
- **To stay in their original or last school even if they move to another district.**  
Homeless students have the right to stay in the school they attended prior to the loss of housing, or to remain in the school they were last enrolled, unless the parent or unaccompanied youth chooses otherwise. This is called the "school of origin."
- **To get transportation to their original school.**  
School districts must arrange transportation for students in homeless situations so that students can stay at their school of origin, even if students move to a different city, county, or school district.
- **To enroll immediately in a new school while attend classes.**  
Homeless students who move and wish to enroll in a new school where they are situated while attend classes immediately, without proof of residency, immunizations, school records or other papers, and without a uniform.
- **To receive automatically free breakfast and lunch at school.**  
A shelter worker or parent may contact the school to verify the child's homelessness. The school must immediately begin providing meals based on verification.
- **To receive Title 1 services.**
- **To receive all the educational and supplemental services that all other children are provided.**

### **Newton Public School Resources**

**Dr. David Fleishman**..... (617) 559-6100  
*Superintendent of Schools*

**Toby N. Romer** ..... (617) 559-6115  
*Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education and Special Programs*

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*Assistant Superintendent for Student Services*

**Mary Eich** ..... (617) 559-6125 *Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning*

**Cynthia Paris Jeffries** ..... (617) 559-6105  
*Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education*

**Maura McLaughlin-Tynes** ..... (617) 559-6035  
*Director of Elementary Student Services*

**Kathleen Browning**..... (617) 559-6050  
*Director of Newton Early Childhood*

**Ruth Hoshino** .....  
*RN-Director of School Health Services*

### **Newton Parent Advisory Council for Special Education**

(617) 559-6025 | [info@newtonpac.org](mailto:info@newtonpac.org)

### **City of Newton Resources**

**Police & Fire Emergency** .....#911

**Fire Department**..... (617) 796-2210

**Public Library** ..... (617) 796-1360

**Recreation Department** . (617) 796-1500

### **For Assistance with Medical Services**

**Newton Health and Human Services Department**

*Dori Zaleznik, MD Department Head (617) 796-1420*