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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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.

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 tend classes.**
  Homeless students who move and wish to enroll in a new school where they are situated while tend 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 I services.**

- **To receive all the educational and supplemental services that all other children are provided.**

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.

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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
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