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 x210
- Helping Hand Food Pantry (617) 576-5200
- Greater Boston Food Bank (617) 427-5200
- Centre Street Food Pantry (617) 928-6021
- Arabic Baptist Church Food Pantry (617) 723-9766
- WIC (781) 642-7194
- SNAP (877) 382-2363

**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
- Dept. of Transitional Assistance, Boston (617) 348-8400
- Dept. of Housing and Community Development (617) 573-1100
- Mass. Affordable Housing (617) 882-9100

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES**
- Safelink (877) 785-2020
- National Domestic Violence Hotline (617) 799-7233
- Second Step (617) 965-3428
- Casa Myrna (617) 521-0100
- Crittenton Women’s Union (617) 259-2900
- Elizabeth Stone House (617) 522-3659
- FINEX House (617) 436-2002

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**
- Boston Medical Center Homeless Program (617) 534-2526
- Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program (857) 653-1000
- Head Start Brighton (617) 783-5646
- Friends of Boston’s Homeless (617) 534-2526
- Society of St. Vincent De Paul (617) 268-0710
- Dept. of Children and Families (781) 641-8500
- American Red Cross (617) 274-5200

**Homeless Shelters**

- Crittenton Hastings House (617) 782-7600
  10 Pershire Road, Brighton, MA
- Crittenton Women’s Union (617) 259-2900
  One Washington Mall, 3rd Floor, Boston, 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
- Rosie’s Place (617) 442-9322
  889 Harrison Ave, Boston, MA

**Hotlines**

- National Domestic Violence Hotline (617) 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

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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 immediately enroll in the school district in which they are situated. Schools in the district in which a homeless student is situated must immediately enroll the student, allowing them to attend classes and participate fully in school activities. These students are able to enroll even if they do not have records or other items that are required for non-homeless students. This includes: immunizations or immunization records; physical examinations or medical records; academic records; proof of residency; a parent or legal guardian; birth certificates; and/or other documents.
- 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.

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 relatives 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.

For Assistance with Medical Services
Newton Health and Human Services Department
Deborah Youngblood, PhD, Commissioner
(617) 796-1420

Newton Division of Social Services
(617) 796-1420

The Newton Division of Social Services provides case management, outreach, information, and referral for Newton residents related to: Budget/Financial Planning, Emergency Oil/Fuel Assistance; Financial Assistance, Food Insecurity, Housing/Shelter, SNAP Applications, Mental Health Referrals, Legal Assistance, Substance Use Referrals, Support Groups, WIC Referrals, and Workforce Development.

Additional Social Service Agencies

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