

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 Society of St. Vincent De Paul	(617) 534-2526
Dept. of Children and Families	(617) 268-0710
American Red Cross	(781) 641-8500
	(617) 274-5200

Homeless Shelters

Crittenton Hastings House 10 Perthshire Road, Brighton, MA	(617) 782-7600
Crittenton Women's Union One Washington Mall, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA	(617) 259-2900
Pine Street Inn 444 Harrison Ave, Boston MA	(617) 482-4944
Heading Home Boston Shelter 656 Massachusetts Ave, Boston, MA	(617) 267-8081
St. Francis House 39 Boylston St, Boston, MA	(617) 542-4211
Harvard Square Homeless Shelter 66 Winthrop St, Cambridge, MA	(617) 547-2841
Crossroads Family Shelter 56 Havre St, Boston, MA	(617) 567-5926
Multiservice Center - Homeless 19 Brookline St, Floor 1, Cambridge, MA	(617) 349-6340
Rosie's Place 889 Harrison Ave, Boston, MA	(617) 442-9322

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

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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ON THE BASIS OF AGE, RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL
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McKINNEY-VENTO Homeless Assistance Act of 2001



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

Local Liaison for Homeless Education:

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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.

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.

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.**

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

YMCA of Greater Boston	(617) 782-3535
EmPath Economic Mobility Pathways	(617) 782-7600
Middlesex Human Services Agency	(781) 647-9957
Jewish Family and Children's Services	(781) 647-5327
Action for Boston Community Development	(617) 783-5646
Family Aid Boston	(617) 542-7286

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