

DEFINITION OF HOMELESS

The federal government's legal definition of homelessness based on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is anyone who:

- Lacks a regular, fixed and adequate nighttime residence (substandard housing)
- Is sharing housing due to economic struggles (doubled-up/tripled up)
- Is living in a shelter, hotel, or motel
- Is living in a public place not designated for sleeping (cars, parks, campgrounds, or abandoned buildings)
- Is an unaccompanied youth
- Is a child or youth abandoned in a hospital
- Is a migrant child who qualifies under any of the above

YOUR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Your preschool and school-aged children have the following rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act:

- To attend school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there.
- To continue in the school they attended before becoming homeless.
- To receive transportation to school and school programs.
- To attend school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless.
- To enroll without giving a permanent address.
- To enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for transfer of required school records and documents.
- To enroll and attend classes while seeking to resolve a dispute over school placement.
- To access migrant and special education.

BEFORE YOU MOVE:

- Tell your child's teacher and principal that you are moving and give them the new address.
- Allow your child to say good-bye to friends and teachers to provide closure.
- Let the school officials know if you want your child to stay in his or her school while you are getting the family stabilized.
- Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations and birth certificate.

IF YOU MOVE OFTEN:

- Keep a copy of birth certificates and school records accessible.
- Safeguard all health and immunization records.
- Have a reliable person keep a second copy of these records.
- Enroll children in school as soon as possible

ASK ABOUT SCHOOL SERVICES:

- Breakfast and lunch programs
- Transportation
- Special education programs



Did You Know?

Educational Support provided by district liaisons can include the following:

BACKPACKS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES & HYGIENE PRODUCTS

MENDOCINO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

For more information, please contact the homeless liaison at your school district.

Anderson Valley Unified School District

(707) 895-3774

Arena Union Elem. /Pt. Arena Union High

(707) 882-2803

Fort Bragg Unified School District

(707) 961-2850

Laytonville Unified School District

(707) 984-6414

Leggett Valley Unified School District

(707) 925-6285

Manchester Union Elementary

707 882-2374

Mendocino Unified School District

(707) 937-5868

Mendocino County Office of Education

(707) 467-5104

Potter Valley Unified School District

(707) 743-2101

Round Valley Unified School District

(707) 983-6171

Ukiah Unified School District

(707) 472-5000

Willits Unified School District

(707) 459-5314

What Families Need to Know About HOMELESSNESS 2021-22



Blythe Post
Manager, Foster & Homeless
Youth Services
bpost@mcoe.us
(707) 467-5104

Helpful Resources & Numbers

**GREEN = UKIAH • TEAL = WILLITS
RED = FORT BRAGG**

HOUSING/RESOURCES

Ukiah Recovery Center • 462-6290 Mon-Fri 8-4pm
Residential, outpatient, and withdrawal treatment. Eber
living programs for people 18 or older for substance abuse.

**Rural Community Housing Development • 499 Leslie Street
• 463-1975 •** Mon-Fri 8-5pm TkSbba[f_ Wz Apartments for
low income families, eWladi S` VhWAS` dfill out
application to get put on a waiting list. AfZWZage[Y
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**(RCS) Building Bridges and Inland Shelter • 1045 S. State St.
• 234-3270 • Building Bridges** open year round 9am-8pm;
emergency shelter intake, showers, laundry, fWwZa` VAS` V
computers. Wednesday, Street FWS` Medicine &%Z`b
homeless mental health dWAS`eShS[STW
The Center for Hope • 150 Luce Ave. • (6) 264 S`
Open Mon.-I W. 7am-11am. Coffee 7-8am. 8am light breakfast,
showers first come first served (10 people a day.)

**Manzanita Services • 564 S. Dora Suite D, Ukiah &%Z`&`, or
286 School St. Willits 456-9020**
Ukiah Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30pm. FZWbW[UmhUw Adult
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FWWASYZ available. **Willits Office** Mon-Fri 8-4:30pm. **Housing
specialist** available, 972-4830 Emergency motel vouchers as
available

**Ford Street Project and Unity Village • 139 Ford St. •
462-1934** Open Mon-Fri 8-12pm available by phone until 5pm.
Alcohol and drug rehabilitation housing. **Unity Village**
transitional housing with shared kitchen for 6-10 families.
Applicants need to be 100% sober. 6Waj ewhUWS[STW

**Willits Community Services • 229 E. San Francisco Street
459-3333 •** Wed & Fri. 1-4:30pm meals and food delivery
available. Homeless resource center, jackets, socks,
blankets and sleeping bags as available. Motel vouchers for
individuals over 60 or with disabilities.

Hospitality Center • 101 North Franklin St. • 961-0172 Open
8:30am-3pm, Closed 12-1pm housing navigation and intake
for the Extreme Weather Shelter.

**Hospitality House Emergency Shelter •
237 N. McPherson Street • 961-1150**

Mon-Fri showers and laundry from 9:30am-8pm, dinner at
3pm. Hygiene supplies and clothing as available: 24 beds.

Safe Passage • 325 East Redwood Ave • 961-1100
Open Mon-Thus 9-5pm, Fri 9-1pm. Family resources, diapers,
hygiene supplies, clothing as available, case management,
children's insurance enrollment, and parenting classes

**Mendocino County Youth Project • Ukiah 776 S. State St.
Suite 107 463-4915 • Willits 120 N Main (707)
489-1258 •** Teen drop in centers **116 S. Main St.,**
Counseling, youth events, snacks/meals, clothing as
available, Internet access, and scholarships. Shelter bed
programs for ages 18-24. Online prevention activities for
teens.

**The Arbor Youth Resource Center
810 N. State St. • 462-7267 •** Open 10-' ,%pm Mon-Fri for
ages 15-24; help with job resumes, college applications, and
housing. Education courses, Internet access and clothing
closet available. Meals Mon, Wed, Fri at 12pm. Therapeutic
services available.

**Project Sanctuary • 564 S. Dora St Ste. A-1, Ukiah
(462-9196) or 461 N. Franklin St. Fort Bragg
(961-1507)** Open Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30pm by Sbba[f_ Wf
Housing and legal help for domestic violence and sexual
assault victims. Help with restraining orders, provides
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Food

**Ford St. Project Community Food Bank • 888 N. State St.
• 463-2409** Distribution times Tues and Thurs 9am-12pm
for seniors and people with disabilities. Wed and Fri.
12-4pm distribution for general public. Friday fresh
produce available.

**Food Bank of Ft. Bragg • 910 N. Franklin Street •
964-9404** General distribution Mon-Fri ##8pm & Wed
abWuntil 5:30pm. Once a week clients may pick up a
staple foods bag. Office hrs are Mon-Fri 9-3:30pm

Plowshares • 1346 South State St. • 462-8582

Lunch Mon-Fri 11:30am-12:00pm, personal care packages,
and mail service. ESfgdSk meal 3-%%pm. Meals on
Wheels for homebound seniors 60 years or older.

**Mendocino Presbyterian Church • 44831 Main Street •
937-5441**

Food bank handout Thursday S-%%pm. : af_ W^FgWZ
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**Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
255 South Harold • 964-0229 •** To go lunches Sundays at
12pm. Can foods mon-fri 10-2pm

Willits Daily Bread • 66 East Commercial • 367-5669
Mon-Thurs 4:30-5:30pm hot meal. Cat and dog food when
available.

**Brown Bag Lunch Program
111 East Commercial Street • (No Phone Number) Saturday
Lunch 1:00-2:00 pm**

Health and Social Services

**Public Health • 1120 S. Dora St. Ukiah (472-2700) • 472 E
Valley St Willits (456-3700) • 120 West Fir St. Fort Bragg
(964-4713 informational line)**

Family & Children's Services • 463-7990

Adult and Aging Services • 463-7900

**Mendocino Community Health Clinic • Hillside Health
Center • 333 Laws Ave. • 468-1010 • Little Lake Health
Clinic 45 Hazel St. 456-9600** Medical, dental, and
behavioral/mental health

MediCal/Social Services • 737 S. State St., • 463-7700

Ukiah Valley Medical Center • 275 Hospital Dr. • 462-3111

**Ukiah Valley Rural Health Center
260 Hospital Dr. • 463-8000**

**WIC (Women Infants and Children under 5 years)
1120 South Dora Street 472-2743** Mon-Thurs • **120 West
1st St.** 964-7106 Mon-Thur • **474 East Valley St.** 456-3812
Mon & Thur. Appointments by phone, supplemental
nutrition program for pregnant women, breastfeeding
assistance, food assistance & benefits for families in need

First 5 • 166 E. Gobbi Ave. • 462-4453

Support and systems for kids ages 0-5 years. For all families.

Consolidated Tribal Health • 6991 N. State St. •

485-5115 Medical, dental, and behavioral health

Coast Clinic • 205 South St. • 964-1251

**Employment and Family Assistance • 764 S. Franklin St.
962-1000**

MCAVHN • 148 Clara Ave. • 462-1932 Mental health,
harm reduction, and housing navigation

COUNSELING

SUDT (Substance Use Disorder Treatment)

**1120 S. Dora St. • 472-2637 Ukiah • 790 South Franklin
St. 961-2665**

Behavioral Health • 1120 S. Dora St. • 472-2300

**Family and Children's Services
790 S. Franklin St. • 962-1100**

**Willits Family Resource Center
474 E. Valley St. • 456-3710**

**Redwood Community Services • 631 South Orchard Ave.
• 467-2010 •** Behavioral health, foster, and homeless
services.

LEGAL SERVICES

**Legal Services of Northern California
421 N. Oak St., Ukiah • 462-1471**

**Mexican Consulate
2093 Arena Blvd./Sacramento • (916) 441-3287
US Immigration Services • (800) 375-5283**

24 HOUR HOTLINES

Toll Free Crisis Line • (800) 555-5906
CA. Missing Children's Hotline • (800) 222-3463
**National Runaway Switchboard • 800-Runaway or (800)
786-2929**
National Domestic Violence Hotline • 800-799-7233
**CA Youth Crisis Line/Confidential Crisis Counseling for
Youth and Families • (800) 843-5200**
Suicide Prevention Hotline • (855) 587-6373
Mendocino Mental Health Crisis • (855) 838-0404