What Families Need to Know About Homelessness 2021-22

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

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
- Qber living programs for people 18 or older for substance abuse

**Rural Community Housing Development** • 499 Leslie Street • 463-1975 • Mon-1:30pm pm • (RCS) Building Bridges and Inland Shelter • 1045 S. State St. • 234-5270 • Building Bridges open year round 9am-2pm; emergency shelter intake, showers, laundry, rcjcf@r欤h.org
- Computers: Wednesday, Street R, E Medicine 2B-6RK, homeless mental health

**The Center for Hope** • 150 Luce Ave • 7am-11pm
- Homeless mental health (10 people a day)

**Mendocino County Youth Project** • Ukiah 776 S. State St. • 107 463-4915 • Willis 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 10-3:30pm Mon-Fri for ages 15-24, help with jobs, resume building, 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 (961-1507) . Housing specialist available, 972-4830 Emergency motel vouchers as available.

**Ford Street Project and Unity Village** • 159 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. Bmrc qgtwqqa t équipé.

**Willits Community Services** • 229 E. San Francisco Street • 459-3133 • 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-5pm, 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-7pm, dinner at 5pm. Hygiene supplies and clothing as available: 24 beds.

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

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### Food

**Ford Street 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: 11-4pm distribution for general public. Friday fresh produce available.

**Food Bank of Ft. Bragg** • 910 N. Franklin Street • 964-9404
- General distribution Mon-Fri 11am-2pm & Wed and Fri until 5:30pm. Once a week clients may pick up a staple foods bag. Office hrs are Mon-Thurs 8-3:30pm

### Social Services

**First** • 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 Clinics** • 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**

**SUPT (Substance Use Disorder Treatment)** • 1120 S. Dora St. • 472-2657

**Willits Family Resource Center** • 790 S. Franklin St. • 962-1100

**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) 575-5283

### 24 HOUR HOTLINES

**Toll Free Crisis Line** • (800) 555-5906
- CA. Missing Children’s Hotline • (800) 222-3463
- National Runaway Switchboard • 800-Runaway or 808-2929
- National Domestic Violence Hotline • 800-799-7233
- CA Youth Crisis Line/Confidential Crisis Counseling for Youth and Families • (800) 845-5200
- Suicide Prevention Hotline • (855) 587-6373
- Mendocino Mental Health Crisis • (855) 838-0404