

## AGENCY INFORMATION LIST

The following contacts may be useful resources to families and children experiencing homelessness.

### Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline

[www.dss.virginia.gov](http://www.dss.virginia.gov) 800-552-7096

### Childhelp USA Hotline

[www.childhelp.org](http://www.childhelp.org) 800-422-4453

### Cover Virginia – Medicaid and FAMIS

[www.coverva.org](http://www.coverva.org) 866-873-2647

### SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

[www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/foodstamp.cgi](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/foodstamp.cgi)  
804-726-7361

### Free Tax Assistance and Earned Income Tax Credit

[www.irs.gov/eitc](http://www.irs.gov/eitc) 800-829-1040

### National Center for Homeless Education

[www.serve.org/nche](http://www.serve.org/nche) 800-308-2145

### National Runaway Safeline

[www.1800runaway.org](http://www.1800runaway.org) 800-786-2929

### Virginia School Immunization Requirements

[www.vdh.state.va.us/epidemiology/immunization/requirements.htm](http://www.vdh.state.va.us/epidemiology/immunization/requirements.htm) 1-800-568-1929

### Pupil Transportation

[www.doe.virginia.gov/support/transportation/index.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/transportation/index.shtml) 804-225-2037

### Social Security Administration Hotline

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) 800-772-1213

### VA Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

[www.vsdvalliance.org](http://www.vsdvalliance.org) 804-782-1986

### Virginia Housing Development Authority

[www.vhda.com](http://www.vhda.com) 877-843-2123

### Virginia Lawyer Referral Service

[www.vsb.org/vlrs](http://www.vsb.org/vlrs) 800-552-7977

Your family may meet criteria if, **due to a lack of permanent housing**, you live in **inadequate** or **temporary** settings, such as:

- In emergency or transitional shelters
- In motels, hotels, or campgrounds
- In cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, or abandoned buildings
- Doubled up with relatives or friends due to loss of housing
- In these conditions and is a migratory child

**If you have questions, contact the school division's local homeless education liaison or Project HOPE-Virginia.**



**KING GEORGE  
COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
Local Homeless Education Liaison:  
Mary Pietras Fisher  
Supervisor of Student and Family Services  
[mfisher@kgcs.k12.va.us](mailto:mfisher@kgcs.k12.va.us)  
540-775-5833 x 8614

### Virginia Department of Education

The College of William and Mary – SOE  
P.O. Box 8795 Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795

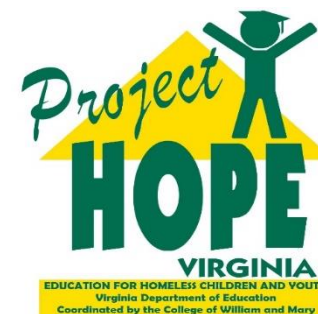
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# What Families Need to Know

## Your Child Can Enroll in School...

### Even if you have:

- **Uncertain Housing**
- **A Temporary Address**
- **Limited Records**



## EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH LACKING FIXED, REGULAR, AND ADEQUATE HOUSING

### Families that meet certain criteria should know:

- You do not need a permanent address to enroll your child in school.
- Your child cannot be denied school enrollment when school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- Your child may be able to remain in the same school (school of origin) even if you move.
- When in your child's best interest, he or she has the right to transportation services to remain in the school of origin.
- Your child automatically qualifies to participate in free breakfast and lunch programs.
- Your child has the right to participate in extracurricular activities and all federal, state, or local programs for which he/she is eligible.

Unaccompanied youth  
(not accompanied by a parent)  
who lack fixed, regular, and adequate  
housing have these same rights.

## AT SCHOOL, ASK ABOUT:

- Basic school supplies
- Tutoring and mentoring programs
- Credit recovery options
- Programs to help children learn English
- Gifted or talented programs
- Summer school programs
- Preschool programs
- Before and after school programs
- Homeless assistance programs
- Special education programs for students with disabilities, especially if the student has previously received special education services
- Contact information for community agencies and helpful resources

*Schools give children and youth experiencing homelessness hope and a chance for a better future.*



## TIPS FOR FAMILIES WHO 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 the child's birth certificate, school records, and health information.
- Enroll children in school as soon as possible.



## WHAT YOU CAN DO BEFORE MOVING

- Tell your child's teacher and principal that your child is moving and give them the new address.
- Let school officials know if you want your child to stay in his/her school of origin while you are getting the family stabilized.
- Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations.