

**Every homeless student has the right to a free, equitable and quality education. Identifying students and families who are struggling to find stable housing can be a big challenge. If you or a family you know is living temporarily with another family, in a shelter, hotel, mobile home or in a car, the Family and Community Engagement Office (FACE) is here to help and can be reached at **401-456-0686**.**

**Have you lost your housing due to hardship and your family is living:**

- With another family
- In a shelter, car, street
- In a hotel/ motel
- In emergency or transitional shelter

**OR**

**Are you an unaccompanied youth, denied housing by legal parent/guardian and:**

- Staying with friends
- Kicked out of home or abandoned (possibly due to pregnancy, LGBTQ issues, family conflicts, parental mental health or alcohol and other drug abuse)
- Ran away from home, sleeping in the park
- Separated from family for various reasons

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE.**

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## **MCKINNEY VENTO SUPPORTS**

*Helping families and students facing homelessness and housing insecurity*



Have you lost your housing due to hardship?  
Are you an unaccompanied youth, denied housing by your legal parent or guardian?

**WE CAN HELP.**



## FACE IS HERE TO HELP!

The Family & Community Engagement Office (FACE) staff ensure all parents are **informed, involved** and **empowered** through the individual consultation, resources provided as well as the sensitivity and time placed on each individual family. The office directly supports parents, teachers, school leadership as well as district community partners. Helping ALL families whose hardship involves the loss of their home due to eviction, fire, loss of a job, and other unexpected circumstances.

We also assist students who are no longer living at home and considered unaccompanied youth.

### What is the McKinney Vento Act?

The **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act** is a law that protects students and youth experiencing homelessness. The law requires every state to monitor the identification of students facing homelessness and providing the necessary supports to reduce the many barriers that prevent students from succeeding in school. You have the right to keep your child enrolled in their current school regardless of where the family or the student finds temporary housing. The FACE Office will assist to arrange transportation to and from school.

### Definition for Homeless

**McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act** defines homeless as follows:

Children and youths who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes:

- Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation

- Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, or similar settings
- Migratory children or children removed from the home

**Unaccompanied Youth** are young people experiencing homelessness who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

### The FACE Office can help with:

- Questions and concerns about the district or school programs and activities.
- Enrolling in school with flexibility for required documents.
- Transportation services, in district or out of district, for a school bus to and from school, RIPTIKs or RIPTA monthly bus passes, as appropriate and necessary.
- Accessing afterschool or extra curriculum activities.
- Providing basic school supplies and referral for clothing and other potential needs.
- Guidance and connections to helpful resources for youth who are on their own.
- Connecting to local and state resources; food, housing, transportation, and social services.
- Translation services.



## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### Crossroads Coordinated Entry

Call 401-277-4316 if you are in need of emergency shelter.  
[www.crossroadsri.org](http://www.crossroadsri.org)

### Sojourner House

Provides culturally sensitive support, advocacy, housing, and education for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.  
401-861-6191  
[www.sojournerri.org](http://www.sojournerri.org)

### 211 United Way

Call 211, a free and confidential resource for housing, food, affordable childcare, and much more. Bilingual staff available.  
[www.uwri.org/2-1-1](http://www.uwri.org/2-1-1)

### Family Care Community Partnerships (FCCP)

The FCCP can help your child succeed at home, in school and in the community. The program may be provided at a location that best fits your needs, including your home.  
401-519-2280  
[www.familysericeri.org](http://www.familysericeri.org)

### Providence Community Health Center (PCHC)

Provides affordable, quality, primary health care. To make an appointment with The PCHC at 160 Broad Street, call 401-861-2403.  
[www.providencechc.org](http://www.providencechc.org)

### Community Action Partnership of Providence (CAPP)

Provides social services for Providence residency for individuals, families, youth and the elderly.  
401-273-2000  
[www.cappri.org](http://www.cappri.org)

### Rhode Island Community Food Bank

View the current Food Assistance List (by city, town and village) at [rifoodbank.org/find-food](http://rifoodbank.org/find-food). You can also reach out to United Way of Rhode Island by calling 2-1-1 from any phone.

Visit [www.providenceschools.org/face](http://www.providenceschools.org/face) for additional resources.