

HOMELESSNESS
RIGHTS AND SERVICES

The McKinney-Vento
Homeless Assistance Act
ensures homeless
children and youth have
equal access to the same
free and appropriate
public education.

New Bedford Public
Schools ensures the
implementation of
McKinney Vento Services
with regards to
identification, awareness,
enrollment, attendance
and additional supports
to guarantee educational
stability and success for
our students.



Local Resources:

Visit the City of New Bedford's Homeless
Service Providers' Network (HSPN) for
important resources : where to get a
meal, how to find shelter

www.nbhspn.com

New Bedford Crisis Center:

508-996-3154

Catholic Social Services:

508-997-7337

MA Dept. of Transitional

Assistance (DTA):

508-961-2000

**Dept. of Housing and Community
Development (EA Family Shelter):**

866-584-0653

Domestic Violence

(The Women's Center):

508-996-3343

PACE. Inc. (Fuel Assistance):

508-999-9920

**PACE Childcare (Daycare/after-
school vouchers):**

508-999-9930



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**McKinney-Vento
Homeless
Education
New Bedford
Public Schools**



Family Registration Center
455 County Street
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Rooms 105 & 106
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McKinney-Vento Definitions

Doubled up– children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to domestic violence, lack of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.

Shelter– children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

Unsheltered– children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.

Migratory children– children and youth who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances as defined in Section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Unaccompanied youth– youth not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Homeless students have the right to either remain in their school of origin or to attend school where they are temporarily residing.

Students who choose to remain in their school of origin have the right to remain there until the end of the school year in which they obtain permanent housing.

Students who choose to enroll in school where they are temporarily residing must be enrolled immediately, even if they do not bring the records usually required for enrollment.

If a homeless student arrives without records, the school district's designated Homeless Education Liaison must assist the family and contact the previously attend school system to obtain the required records.

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