

### Agency Information List

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

- **Denver Public Schools:** 900 Grant St. 80205  
720.423.3200, www.dpsk12.org
- **Denver Public Schools Medicaid Program:**  
Phone: 720.423.8269
- **RTD:** Route & Schedule Info 303.299.6000,  
1.800.366.7433
- **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless:**  
2111 Champa St. 80205, 303.293.2217
- **Denver's Road Home Outreach Team:**  
303.285.5258
- **Stout Street Clinic:** 2100 Broadway Ave,  
303.293.2220
- **Gathering Place Women's Day Shelter:**  
1535 High St. 80205, 303.321.4198
- **United Way 211:** Dial 211  
for homeless resources, shelter info
- **Denver Department of Human Services:**  
Richard Castro Center, 1200 Federal Blvd  
Denver, CO 80205 (720) 944-3666  
**Homeless/General Assistance Unit,**  
720.944.2031 (East) 720.944.2185 (Montbello)
- **Denver Health Medical Center:**  
777 Bannock St, 303.436.6000
- **Denver Safehouse for Women:** crisis line  
303.318.9989
- **Colorado Legal Services:** 303.837.1313
- **Social Security Administration Hotline:**  
1.800.772.1213
- **National Mental Health Association Resource  
Center:** 1.800.969.6642
- **National Runaway Switchboard** 1.800.786.2929
- **Child Help USA Hotline:** Counselors available  
to talk with pre-teens about their problems  
1.800.422.4453

The federal McKinney-Vento Act guarantees school enrollment for anyone who, *due to a lack of permanent housing*, lives 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
- In these conditions and is a migratory child or youth

**Children and youth living in these settings meet criteria for the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness and have special educational rights.**



**For more information on  
Denver Public Schools  
Educational Outreach Program:**

**North Area Homeless Liaison**  
**Jackie Bell: 720.423.8228**

**South Area, Alt./Charter  
Homeless Liaison**  
**Anna Stout: 720.423.8230**

**<http://eop.dpsk12.org>**

# What Families Need to Know

**Your Child Can Enroll in  
School...**



**Even if you have:**

- **Uncertain Housing**
  - **A Temporary Address**
- **No Permanent Physical Address**

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

### Families 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.
- Your child has the right to transportation services to and from the school of origin.
- Schools must provide you with a written explanation if a placement dispute occurs, and you may appeal the school's decision.
- 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 lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing have these same rights.



### AT SCHOOL, ASK ABOUT THESE SPECIAL SERVICES

- Tutoring programs
- Programs to help children learn English
- Gifted or talented programs
- Summer school programs
- Preschool programs
- Before and after school programs
- Homeless assistance programs
- Mentoring programs
- Special education programs for students with disabilities, especially if the student has previously received special education services

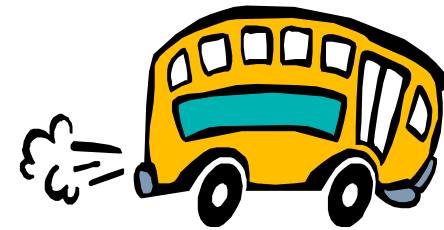
Schools give children and youth experiencing homelessness hope and a chance for a better future

### SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS ALSO MAY PROVIDE

- Quiet time or a personal space to allow your child to complete homework at school
- Basic school supplies
- Contact information for community agencies and helpful resources

### 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.