



Framingham Public School Family Guide for McKinney Vento



McKinney-Vento

Serving Students In Transition

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

- Nelson Mandela

Dear Parents and Guardians,

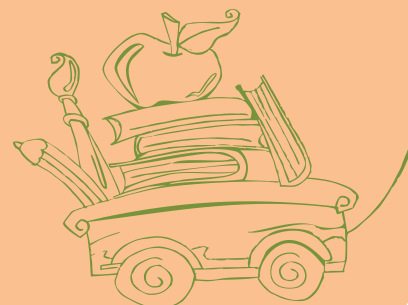
- + If your family is in temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing, your child may be eligible for certain education rights and services.
- + Under a federal law called *McKinney-Vento Act*, children in homeless situations have the right to:
 - + Go to school regardless of their living situation (shelter, motel, vehicle, temporary trailer, on the street, doubled-up with family or friends, or in any type of temporary or inadequate housing)
 - + Attend either local school or school of origin, if it's in the best interest of the child
 - + Receive transportation to and from school
 - + Enroll in school immediately, even if records and documents are missing
 - + Attend classes and participate fully in all school activities while the school gathers records
 - + Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students, including transportation and supplemental educational services
 - + A school cannot segregate a student because he or she is homeless.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD IN SCHOOL:

- + Make sure your child goes to school every day
- + Provide a quiet place for your child to do homework and set aside time every day to help your child with homework
- + Pay attention to your child's health needs
- + Ask your child questions about school and have him or her explain it to you
- + Show your child that you are interested and engaged in his or her education
- + Read to your child daily
- + Praise your child for what he or she does well
- + Listen to what your child share with you and table about any problems he or she is having
- + Encourage your child to participate in extra curricula activities such as band and sports

QUESTIONS TO ASK REGARDING SERVICES UNDER MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT:

- + Who is the local homeless education liaison? How can I contact him or her?
- + What transportation is available for my child to stay in his or her school of origin?
- + If my child changes school, who can help us transfer records?
- + How can my child receive free meals at school?
- + How can my child receive free school supplies, if needed?
- + How can my child go on class field trips or participate in other school activities if I cannot afford to pay for them?



LOCAL RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES IN NEED OR EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS:

- + **2-1-1:** Free, confidential, and multi-lingual support. Call 211, available 24/7
- + **Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA):**
Hours of Operations: 7:45am-5pm
300 Howard St, Framingham, (508)661-6600
- + **A Place to Turn:** Food, clothing pantry and diaper bank; Referral is needed.
Hours of Operations: Mon, Tues, & Thurs. 9:30am-12:30pm; Wed. 11am-12:30pm and 5pm-7pm
99 Hartford St, Natick, (508)655-8868,
info@aplacetoturn0natick.org
- + **Pearl Street Cupboard and Café:** Provides food assistance such as groceries, hot meals, pet food and summer meals for school age children.
www.uwotc.org/Pearl
- + Pantry Hours: Mon. & Fri. 9am-1pm, Wed. 9am-1pm & 5pm-7pm
46 Park St, Framingham, (508)370-4921
- + **Natick Service Council & Food Pantry:** Visits allowed once a month by appointment.
Food Pantry Hours: Tues. & Fri. 10am-1pm, Wed & Thurs. 5pm-8pm
2 Webster St, Natick, (508)655-1791
- + **Fresh Start Furniture Bank:** Free used household goods and furniture. Must call and leave a message of necessities prior to visit.
Hours of Operations: Tues. 10am-12pm, Sat. 9am-12pm
34 Tower St. Unit E, Hudson, (508)485-2080
- + **MetroWest Free Medical Program:** Free medical care and multi-lingual support (Spanish and Portuguese)
www.metrowestfreemedicalprogram.org
Services provided:
 - o Tuesday evening at 105 Hudson Rd, Sudbury
 - o Thursday evenings at 110 Edgell Rd, Framingham
 - o Women's health and vision 6pm-8pm in Framingham, (508)656-0885 or (508)656-0834
 - o All other health concerns and prescriptions needed, English (508)656-0740, Portuguese and Spanish (508)656-0741

For more assistance please contact FPS McKinney Vento Clinical Coordinator



Do you need information regarding services under McKinney-Vento?
Do you need guidance enrolling your child in school?

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