

## Are you or your family in transition?

If so you or your child may qualify for extra services under the McKinney-Vento Act.

Ask about assistance with:

- Free and reduced lunch
- Enrollment
- Immunizations
- Transportation
- Pre-K
- College financial aid
- Clothing
- School supplies
- Community referrals

## Who are Homeless Children and Youth?

The McKinney-Vento Act (Section 725) defines "homeless children and youth" as:

Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including children youth who are:

1. Share the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.
2. Live in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
3. Live in emergency or transitional shelters.
4. Abandoned in hospitals.
5. Await foster care placement.
6. Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, regular sleeping accommodations.
7. Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
8. The term "unaccompanied youth" includes a youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. This would include runaways living in runaway shelters, abandoned buildings, cars, on the streets, or in other inadequate housing; children and youth denied housing by their families.

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Wildcats!



For more information regarding the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act, please visit the [Texas Homeless Education Office](http://www.utdanacenter.org/theo/) at <http://www.utdanacenter.org/theo/>.

## **ELGIN**

### **Advocacy Outreach**

200 Depot St., Elgin, TX 78621  
(512) 281-4180

- Homeless Prevention
- Forms Assistance
- Free Thrift Store
- ESL Classes
- Family Literacy

### **Family Health Center @ Elgin ISD**

711 W. 10th St., Elgin, TX 78621  
(512) 229-3334

- Immunizations
- School physicals
- Prescriptions
- Counseling services

### **Wesley Nurse**

(512) 285-4503

- Health & Wellness Courses
- Education
- Community/Social Resources

## **WIC**

218 S. Main St. Elgin, TX 78621  
(512) 972-4942

- Food Assistance
- Nutrition Education

## **BASTROP COUNTY**

### **Bastrop Co. Emergency Food Pantry & Support Services**

806 Fayette Street, Bastrop, TX 78602  
(512) 303-0033

### **Bastrop Housing Authority**

502 Farm St., Bastrop, TX 78602  
(512) 321-3398

### **Family Crisis Center**

431 Old Austin Hwy, Bastrop, TX 78602  
(512) 321-7760

## **Community Resources**

### **STATE/NATIONAL**

#### **211 United Way HelpLINE**

- Community Referrals
- SNAP/Chips/Medicaid Assistance

#### **HUD Housing Counseling Referral Service**

- 1-800-569-4287

#### **National Center for Homeless Education**

- Laws & Rights
- 1-800-308-2145
- <http://center.serve.org/nche>

#### **National Domestic Violence Hotline**

- 1-800-799-SAFE
- <http://www.thehotline.org>

#### **National Runaway Safeline**

- Call 1-800-RUNAWAY
- Text 66008
- 1800RUNAWAY.ORG

#### **Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs**

- Rental Assistance
- Homeless Prevention
- 1-800-525-0657
- <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/texas.htm>

#### **Texas Youth Hotline**

- Call 1-800-989-6884
- Text 512-872-5777
- TEXASYOUTH.ORG