

## Tips for Parents:

- **Talk with your child's school about your living situation.** Your child may qualify for additional help through other programs and resources available at the school.
- **Tell your child's teacher about your current situation.** The more a teacher knows about your child, the more they can help them succeed.
- **Make sure your child attends school every day.**
- **Read to your child every day—even if it is only a few minutes.** The time spent will make a difference in your child's education.



## Directory of Services



### Call 2-1-1

English and Spanish speaking operators available 24 hours a day  
Dial 2-1-1  
[www.call-211.org](http://www.call-211.org)  
Email: [211info@call-211.org](mailto:211info@call-211.org)



### Department of Health & Human Services

Provides connections for food, medical, child care and other needs. Free or low cost health coverage for children under the age of 19 or pregnant women of any age. Go to [www.mibridges.Michigan.gov/access](http://www.mibridges.Michigan.gov/access) or call MI Child and Health Kids at 888-988-6300. 586.469.7700  
[www.michigan.gov/mdhhs](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs)



### National Center for Homeless Education

Federal assistance center supporting the education of homeless children and youth  
1.800.308.2145  
[nche.ed.gov](http://nche.ed.gov)

### Macomb County Resources

The Right Connection  
[Connection.misd.net](http://Connection.misd.net)

**MCREST** 586.415.5101

**Salvation Army — MATTS** 586.755.5191

**Turning Point** 586.463.6990

### Have a question? Not sure where to enroll your student?

Contact Sara Orris  
School Health Education and Homeless Consultant  
Macomb ISD  
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# Resources for Homeless Youth and Their Families



**Macomb Intermediate School District**  
44001 Garfield Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038  
[www.misd.net](http://www.misd.net)

## Do you live in any of the following situations?

- In a shelter
- In a motel or campground due to lack of an alternative adequate accommodation
- In a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station
- Doubled up with people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

If so, you may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act

## The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

The Act is a federal law that governs educational **rights of children and youth in homeless situations**.

According to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, a homeless person is an individual, including children and youth, who **lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence**.

If you and your family meet certain qualifications, the homeless education liaison at your school district can help you with a variety of services for you and your children.

## Eligible students have the right to:

- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Continue attending their school of origin (the school they last attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is their preference and is feasible or enroll in the local school.
- Receive transportation to and from their school if appropriate.
- Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students, including transportation and supplemental educational services.

If you believe you may be eligible, **contact your local liaison** to find out what services and supports may be available. If you don't know who your local liaison is, please call 586.228.3460 or 586.228.3505.

