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MCKINNEY-VENTO RESOURCE DIRECTORY
For Homeless Families



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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| Somerville Homeless Coalition (Provides Shelter, Housing and Food Services) | 617-623-6111 |
| Mass. Dept. of Transitional Assistance (food, job, and cash assistance and emergency shelter) | 781-485-4225 |
| Shelter for Battered Women and Their Children Emergency Hotline 617-661-7203 Information: 617-354-2676 | |
| Catholic Charities: | |
| Basic Needs | 617-625-1920 |
| St. Patrick's Shelter (shelter for homeless women) | 617-628-3015 |
| CASPAR Emergency Service Center (Assistance to homeless men and women with addiction to drugs and/or alcohol) | 617-661-0600 |
| Heading Home (provides housing assistance to families and individuals) | 617-864-8140 |
| RESPOND, Inc. (provides emergency shelter, safe home, support, counseling, legal advocacy to women and children) Respond Hotline (24 hours) | 617-625-5996 1-617-623-5900 |
| Elizabeth Peabody House (Preschool, after-school, food pantry) | 617-623-5510 |
| On The Rise (provides support to homeless women) http://www.ontherise.org/ | 617-497-7968 |
| Cambridge/Somerville Legal services | 617-603-2700 |
| Community Action Agency of Somerville (Head Start, eviction prevention) | 617-623-7370 |
| Just-a-Start —(JAS Corporation) (emergency shelter, transitional housing, affordable housing, tenant/landlord mediation and home ownership) | 617-494-0444 |
| Massachusetts HEATLINE (fuel assistance) http://www.mass.gov/hed/community/energy/cold-relief-information.html | 1-800-632-8175 |
| Mass Coalition for the Homeless (furniture bank, families resource and advocacy) | 781-595-7570 |
| Somerville Mental Health Association (Adult Mental Health & Addiction Treatment Services; Child & Family Services and Early Head Start) http://www.riversidecc.org/adult-services/mental-health/ | 617-625-0710 |

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| Somerville High School YouthHarbors (Serves homeless, unaccompanied high school students who are attempting to graduating from high school and provides a variety of case management services.) www.youthharbors.org | (781) 697-0788 |
| SafeLink | 1-877-785-2020 |
| SafeLink TTY Massachusetts 24/7 toll-free domestic violence hotline | 1-877-521-2601 |
| Somerville Hospital Emergency (CHA) | 617-591-4700 |
| Substance Abuse Helpline | 617-292-5065 |
| Council on Aging (Main Office) | 617-625-6600 x 2300 |
| Somerville Public Library | 617-623-5000 |
| YMCA | 617-625-5050 |
| Welcome Project (Education and Advocacy with Somerville's immigrant community) | 617-623-6633 |
| Somerville Early Childhood Hub - Family Resources, Birth-8 (http://somervillehub.org/infants-toddlers/childcare-options) | |



MCKINNEY-VENTO DEFINITION OF HOMELESS

- Do not have a permanent home
- Live in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds
- Are in State care or custody
- Live in cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, sub-standard buildings, or similar settings
- Share housing of other persons due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Are considered an unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian)
- Are placed in a Starr Program

WHAT HOMELESS FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW

- Children and youth experiencing homelessness have the right to attend school.
- A permanent address is not needed to enroll in school.
- Children in homeless situations have the right to stay in the school they attended before becoming homeless or where they last enrolled (school of origin) if the parent or guardian so chooses.
- Transportation must be provided if the homeless student moves to an area served by another district. If the homeless student continues to live in the area served by the district, transportation services are comparable to those received by other students.
- Schools must provide a written explanation if a placement dispute occurs; student continues attending school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute; parents/guardians may contact the school Homeless Liaison.
- A homeless child cannot be denied school enrollment just because school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available and must be enrolled immediately.
- A homeless child has the right to participate in extracurricular activities and all federal, state, or local programs for which he/she is eligible.
- A homeless child is entitled to free breakfast and lunch, transportation assistance and to receive Title 1 services.

