

Additional Resources

The Sharing Center: (262) 298-5535; Trevor, WI

Contact: Sharon Pomaville

Provides emergency food pantry, hygiene items, clothing, household items, winter outdoor, school supplies, and employment resources.

Shalom Center: (262) 658-1713; Kenosha, WI

Helps find shelter for families; provides INNS-nightly shelter for homelessness; offers a soup kitchen and food pantry

Love, Inc.: (262) 763-6226; Burlington, WI

Provides a food pantry, clothing, school supplies, counseling, and information for rent assistance & energy assistance, and emergency lodging.

ResCare Wrokrforce Service: (262) 697-4599

Kenosha County Job Center

Contact: Tamara Jones

Provides information for emergency shelter for those living with minor children and have a five day written eviction notice.

Kenosha County Department of Human Services

(262) 764-8555 or (800) 236-7188

Provides information for emergency shelter, rental assistance programs, counseling, and western Kenosha County Transit.

If you need further assistance, call the National Center for Homeless Education at the toll-free Helpline: 1-800-308-2145 or homeless@serve.org

District Contact:

Christine Thorson, 262-857-2334
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Things to Consider when Determining which School my Child should Attend:

- ☐ How old is your child?
- ☐ How permanent is your current living arrangement?
Do you plan to move back close to the school of origin or do you think you'll stay near your current living arrangement?
- ☐ Is your child attached to his/her school of origin?
An older child who feels very connected to his/her school of origin and/or is about to graduate might have a harder time changing schools.
- ☐ How anxious is your child because you have had to move? Would changing schools be overwhelming?
- ☐ Would changing schools cause your child to fall behind in school and receive bad grades?
- ☐ Is this a good time of year for your child to change schools, such as at the end of a semester or school year, after testing, or after an event that is important to your child?
- ☐ How much time would your child have to spend going back and forth to the school of origin? a long ride might have a negative impact on your child's schoolwork.
- ☐ Are there safety issues to think about in choosing which school your child should attend?

Decisions regarding which school a child should attend in the case of homelessness should be made by you and your child, but please feel free to consult with school staff if you are seeking additional input.



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Information for Families:

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

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If you know of or suspect a student is experiencing homelessness, please notify the Bristol School District MV Education Liaison



McKinney-Vento

What is the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act?

A federal law that provides certain rights and protections for families experiencing homelessness.

Under Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Act children and youths experiencing homelessness is defined as: “individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence”, including:

- Children/youths who are sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
- Children/youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Children/youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- Children/youths who are migratory children who live in one of the above circumstances.

Children who are experiencing homelessness have the right to:

- **Attend school:**
receive a free and appropriate public education
- **Enroll in school immediately:**
even if school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- **Enroll in school and attend classes:**
while needed documentation is gathered
- **Continue attending the school of origin; or enroll in the local school:**
may attend the school they attended when permanently housed or attend the school in which they were last enrolled, according to each student's best interest.
- **Receive transportation:**
to and from the school the school of origin if the parent/guardian requests it.
- **Attend a school and participate in school programs provided to other students:**
according to each student's needs.
- **Participate in extracurricular activities and federal, state, or local programs:**
for which he/she is eligible.

*Information included in this brochure was adapted from the National Center for Homeless Education

Services/Supports Offered at Bristol:

(some program criteria apply)

- **Free school meals**
- **Free transportation services**
- **Special education programs if the student has previously received special education services**
- **Tutoring programs**
- **Title 1 services**
- **4 year-old Kindergarten**
- **Student Services Team**
- **Summer School Options**
- **Resources and Referrals**

