Additional Resources:

Sharon Pomaville
The Sharing Center - 262-298-5535
Provides emergency food pantry, hygiene supplies, clothing, household items, winter outerwear, school supplies, and employment resources

First Step - 262-605-8859 Provides a day shelter for the homeless as well as resources & services

Tamara Jones - 262-697-4599 ResCare Workforce Services Kenosha County Job Center Provides information for emergency shelter for those living with minor children and have a 5 day written eviction notice

Love, Inc.- 262-763-6226 Provides a food pantry, clothing, school supplies, counseling, and information for rent assistance, energy assistance, and emergency lodging Burlington, WI

Kenosha County Department of Human Services Phone: (262) 657-7188 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

District Contact: Kori Kopp, 262-857-2334 ext 1503

> Bristol School District No. 1 20121 83rd Street Bristol, WI 53104 Phone: 262-857-2334

Tips 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.



Bristol School District No. I



What You Need To Know Regarding Homeless Students

What is the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act?

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

Homelessness Includes Anyone Who May Be:

- Living in an emergency shelter or transitional housing
- Abandoned in hospitals or awaiting foster care placement
- Living in motels, hotels, temporary trailers or camp grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus, or train stations or similar settings
- "Doubled up" living with friends due to the loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason.
- An "unaccompanied youth", under the age of 18, living without a parent or guardian.
- Migratory children living in these conditions.



Children Who are Homeless Have the Right To:

- Attend school, no matter where they live now or how long they've lived there. You don't need a permanent address to enroll in school.
- Not be denied school enrollment just because school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- Enroll and attend classes in the parents' school of choice even while the school and parents seek to resolve a dispute over enrollment.
- Continue in the school they attended before they became homeless, if that is the parents' choice and is feasible.
- Receive transportation to and from the school the child last attended prior to becoming homeless, if the parent/guardian requests it.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless.
- Participate in extracurricular activities and all federal, state, or local programs for which he/she is eligible.

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 I services
- 4 year old Kindergarten
- Student Information Team
- Summer School options
- Resources and Referrals

District Contact

Kori Kopp Bristol School District Homeless Education Liaison 262-857-2334 ext 1503

If you know or suspect a student is homeless, notify the Bristol School District Homeless Liaison.