

Educational Rights

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children

(age 21 and younger) have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
- Attend either the local school or the school of origin, if this is in their best interest. The school of origin is the school the child attended when he/she was permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled.
- Receive transportation to and from school of origin.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if missing records and documents normally required for enrollment such as a birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records.
- Enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in all school activities while the school arranges for the transfer of records.
- Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students including transportation and supplemental educational services and activities.

Community Support

Jefferson County Human Services

General # 920-674-3105

Jefferson County Rock River Free Clinic

920-674-7275

Jefferson County Housing Authority

920-674-5294

Community Action Coalition

920-262-9667

Bethel House

262-473-2715

Jefferson County Workforce

920-674-7500

Terra Staffing

920-563-3301

Diversified Personal Services

920-563-6926

Badger Care Plus

920-674-7500

Food Pantries

Fort Atkinson: 920-563-9555

Jefferson : 920-674-6822

Whitewater: 262-473-9913

People Against Domestic Abuse (PADA)

920-674-6748

Integrated Counseling Services

Fort Atkinson: 920-563-4145

Lutheran Social Services: 920-563-9375

Jefferson Counseling Services: 920-674-3105

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

INFORMATION FOR
HOMELESS FAMILIES



*Supporting the
education of children
and youth living in a
temporary or inadequate
living situation due to
a loss of housing.*

Who are the homeless?

CHILDREN AND YOUTH (UNDER AGE 21) LIVING IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

- In emergency or transitional shelters
- In motels, hotels, trailer parks, campgrounds, abandoned in the hospital, or waiting foster care
- In cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, abandoned buildings
- Doubled up with relatives or friends
- Migratory children living in these conditions
- In temporary or transitional foster care placement
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Providing hope through learning!



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Services for Homeless Students

Students age 21 and younger may be eligible to receive the following services:

- Support from local district staff person homeless liaison
- Free school supplies
- Transportation
- Educational support
- Fee waivers
- Opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities

Services for Homeless Families

- Opportunities to participate in the education of their children.
- Access to community resources for food, clothing, housing, medical information.
- Referral to local agencies.
- For needed school supplies, contact your child's school Principal

Where Can I Go For More Information and Assistance?

For more information, please contact:

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Homeless Coordinator
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Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
vwright@mail.fortschools.org

National Center for Homeless Education

www.serve.org/nche

NCHE Helpline: 1-800-308-2145

U.S. Department of Education

www.ed.gov

National Law Center for Homeless & Poverty

www.nlchp.org

National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

www.naehcy.org

For additional information, please contact Mary Maronek, Coordinator, Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program at:

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