

ARLINGTON COUNTY RESOURCES

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Arlington County Department of Human Services
2100 Washington Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22204

Emergency Housing Intake (CAB) 703-228-1300
Emergency Housing line 24/7 703-228-1010

SHELTERS

Bridges to Independence Shelter 703-525-7717
Doorways Family Shelter 703-907-0022
Doorways Domestic Violence Shelter 703-237-0881

FOOD RESOURCES

Arlington Food Assistance Center 703-845-8486
2780 South Nelson Street
Arlington, VA 22206

MENTAL HEALTH

Arlington County Behavioral Healthcare Division
2120 Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22204

Behavioral Healthcare Access 703-228-5150
Emergency Services 703-228-5160

Children's Regional Crisis Response 884-627-4747

MEDICAL SERVICES

Arlington County Department of Public Health
2100 Washington Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22204

Health Clinics 703-228-1200
Immunization Clinic 703-228-1290
Teen Health Services 703-228-1214

Arlington Pediatric Center 703-717-7545
601 S. Carlin Springs Road
Arlington, VA 22204

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Medicaid, TANF, SNAP 703-228-1350

HOTLINES

Child Protective Services (CPS) 703-228-1500
Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline 703-237-0881

QUESTIONS or CONCERNS?



If you have difficulty getting your child enrolled in school, have lost your housing in Arlington due to economic reasons or another hardship, or want more information, call or contact

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Project Extra Step

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<https://www.apsva.us/student-services/homeless/>

Homelessness among students is more than just a housing problem. It impacts every aspect of a child's life. Education is key to breaking the cycle of poverty and establishing economic mobility.



**Arlington
Public
Schools**

PROJECT EXTRA STEP



Meeting the Educational Needs of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Office of Student Services
2110 Washington Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22204
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EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH LACKING FIXED, REGULAR AND ADEQUATE HOUSING

The **McKinney-Vento** Homeless Assistance Act guarantees school enrollment for anyone who, **due to a lack of permanent housing**, lives in **inadequate or temporary settings**, such as:

- Emergency shelters or transitional housing
- Motels, hotels, or campgrounds due to lack of an adequate alternative
- Cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, or abandoned buildings
- Doubled up with relatives or friends due to loss of housing or economic hardship.

Children and youth experiencing homelessness have a **right to attend school**, even if their school records are not immediately available.

Children experiencing homelessness can stay in their school of origin or enroll in the public school where they live, according to their best interest.

Homeless unaccompanied youth have these same rights.



WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?



- Talk to the school social worker, principal, counselor, teacher, or school nurse about your housing situation.
- Inform the school when your family or child moves and give them the new address.
- Ask about services available to help your child.
- Seek information about the school close to where you live.
- When possible, bring birth certificates and school and immunization records when you enroll your child in school.
- Ask where you can get school supplies.
- Ask that records be transferred from your child's previous school.
- Arlington Public Schools is committed to providing support for students experiencing homelessness.
- Call Project Extra Step! 703-228-6046

WHAT CAN PROJECT EXTRA STEP DO?

- Help parents enroll children in school.
- Help parents arrange transportation to keep students in their school of origin.
- Help enroll students in breakfast and lunch programs at school.
- Provide free tutoring services to students.
- Help provide school supplies and materials as needed.
- Help access APS Extended Day.
- Help families find community resources.
- Help students make a smooth transition between schools.
- Help process health and school records.
- Help educate the community about the needs of students who are experiencing homelessness under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

