

Agency Information List

- General Assistance
Local Town Office or Dial **211** or
[1-800-442-6003](tel:1-800-442-6003)
- Knox County Homeless Coalition
[207-593-8151](tel:207-593-8151)
- The Landing Place (Middle/High school youth) [\(207\) 446-9285](tel:207-446-9285)
- Mid Maine Homeless Shelter
[\(207\) 872-8082](tel:207-872-8082)
- Karen Ann Hagar, Lincoln County Navigator
[\(207\)-403-4116](tel:207-403-4116)
- Healthy Lincoln County
[\(207\) 563-1330](tel:207-563-1330)
- Good Things Thrift and Craft Shop
Medomak Exchange
[\(207\) 841-2307](tel:207-841-2307)
- Medomak House, Clothing Closet,
Waldoboro Food Pantry
[207-520-5100](tel:207-520-5100)
- AIO Food and Energy Assistance
[\(207\) 596-1043](tel:207-596-1043)
- Maine Housing Energy Assistance
Program LIHEAP
[1-800-542-8227](tel:1-800-542-8227)
[\(207\) 859-1500](tel:207-859-1500)
- United Way of Midcoast Me.
[\(207\) 443-9752](tel:207-443-9752)
- Salvation Army
[\(207\) 594-5326](tel:207-594-5326)
- Midcoast Maine Community
Action
[\(207\) 442-7963](tel:207-442-7963)
[\(207\) 594-4329](tel:207-594-4329)
- DHHS
Rockland [\(207\) 596-4200](tel:207-596-4200)
Augusta [\(207\) 287-3707](tel:207-287-3707)
- National Mental Health Crisis
Hotline: [Dial 988](tel:207-988)
- New Hope for Women (Domestic
Violence) [1-800-522-3304](tel:1-800-522-3304)

The Maine Department of Education and Maine schools follow the provisions of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. This law helps students whose housing situations are impacting their education.

RSU 40 McKinney-Vento Coordinator

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RSU 40 McKinney-Vento information

<https://rsu40.org/homeless-students/>

Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness

RSU 40
Friendship, Waldoboro,
Warren, Washington,
Union

2023-2024

You or a loved one may qualify for certain rights and protections under the McKinney-Vento Act.



What Families Need to Know

You may be protected under the McKinney-Vento Act!

Children and youth in temporary housing have the right to:

- Stay in the same school even if the family moves
- Receive help with transportation to/from school
- Enroll in a new school immediately, without the usually required documentation
- Receive free meals at school
- Access early childhood services like Head Start
- Get help with accessing school supplies
- Receive extra support for youth who are unaccompanied

McKinney-Vento Education in Maine

McKinney-Vento protections apply to all public school students, Pre-K through grade 12 who “lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence”, including children and youth:

- Sharing housing due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate housing
- Living in emergency or transitional housing
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Having a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, regular sleeping accommodations
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations
- [Migratory students](#) meeting the descriptions above

Unaccompanied Youth

Defined as youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, runaways and school-aged unwed mothers also qualify as unaccompanied youth. These unaccompanied youth must be allowed to enroll in school immediately.

What Your Family Can Do Before You Move

- Tell your child's teacher and principal that your child is moving and give them the new address.
- Let school officials know if you want your child to stay in his/her home school while you are getting the family stabilized.
- Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations.

Tips for Families Who Move Often

- Keep a copy of birth certificates and school records accessible.
- Safeguard all health and immunization records.
- Have a reliable person keep a second copy of all family members' birth certificates, school records, and health information.
- Enroll children in school as soon as possible.

Every school district in Maine has a McKinney-Vento liaison to help students in temporary housing.