

Agency Information List

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

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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

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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.