

DEFINITION OF HOMELESS

The federal government's legal definition of homelessness based on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is anyone who:

- Lacks a regular, fixed and adequate nighttime residence (substandard housing)
- Is sharing housing due to economic struggles (doubled-up/tripled up)
- Is living in a shelter, hotel, or motel
- Is living in a public place not designated for sleeping (cars, parks, campgrounds, or abandoned buildings)
- Is an unaccompanied youth
- Is a child or youth abandoned in a hospital
- Is a migrant child who qualifies under any of the above

YOUR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Your preschool and school-aged children have the following rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act:

- To attend school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there.
- To continue in the school they attended before becoming homeless.
- To receive transportation to school and school programs.
- To attend school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless.
- To enroll without giving a permanent address.
- To enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for transfer of required school records and documents.
- To enroll and attend classes while seeking to resolve a dispute over school placement.
- To access migrant and special education.

BEFORE YOU MOVE:

- Tell your child's teacher and principal that you are moving and give them the new address.
- Allow your child to say good-bye to friends and teachers to provide closure.
- Let the school officials know if you want your child to stay in his or her school while you are getting the family stabilized.
- Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations and birth certificate.

IF YOU 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 these records.
- Enroll children in school as soon as possible

ASK ABOUT SCHOOL SERVICES:

- Breakfast and lunch programs
- Transportation
- Special education programs



Did You Know?

Educational Support provided by district liaisons can include the following:

BACKPACKS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES & HYGIENE PRODUCTS

MENDOCINO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

For more information, please contact the homeless liaison at your school district.

Anderson Valley Unified School District

(707) 895-3774

Arena Union Elem. /Pt. Arena Union High

(707) 882-2803

Fort Bragg Unified School District

(707) 961-2850

Laytonville Unified School District

(707) 984-6414

Leggett Valley Unified School District

(707) 925-6285

Manchester Union Elementary

707 882-2374

Mendocino Unified School District

(707) 937-5868

Mendocino County Office of Education

(707) 467-5104

Potter Valley Unified School District

(707) 743-2101

Round Valley Unified School District

(707) 983-6171

Ukiah Unified School District

(707) 472-5000

Willits Unified School District

(707) 459-5314

What Families Need to Know About HOMELESSNESS 2021-22



Blythe Post
Manager, Foster & Homeless
Youth Services
bpost@mcoe.us
(707) 467-5104

Helpful Resources & Numbers

GREEN = UKIAH • TEAL = WILLITS
RED = FORT BRAGG

HOUSING/RESOURCES

Ukiah Recovery Center • 462-6290 Mon-Fri 8-4pm
Residential, outpatient, and withdrawal treatment. Offers living programs for people 18 or older for substance abuse.

Rural Community Housing Development • 499 Leslie Street
• 463-1975 • Mon-Fri 8-5pm
Apartments for low income families, fill out application to get put on a waiting list.

(RCS) Building Bridges and Inland Shelter • 1045 S. State St.
• 234-3270 • **Building Bridges** open year round 9am-8pm; emergency shelter intake, showers, laundry, computers. Wednesday, Street Medicine & homeless mental health services.
The Center for Hope • 150 Luce Ave. • (916) 246-2465
Open Mon-Fri 7am-11am. Coffee 7-8am. 8am light breakfast, showers first come first served (10 people a day.)

Manzanita Services • 564 S. Dora Suite D, Ukiah & 286 School St. Willits 456-9020
Ukiah Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30pm. Adult illness center open 10-2pm. Art life skills education available. **Willits Office** Mon-Fri 8-4:30pm. **Housing specialist** available, and care management appointments.

Ford Street Project and Unity Village • 139 Ford St. • 462-1934
Open Mon-Fri 8-12pm available by phone until 5pm. Alcohol and drug rehabilitation housing. **Unity Village** transitional housing with shared kitchen for 6-10 families. Applicants need to be 100% sober.

Willits Community Services • 229 E. San Francisco Street 459-3333 • Wed & Fri. 1-4:30pm meals and food delivery available. Homeless resource center, jackets, socks, blankets and sleeping bags as available. Motel vouchers for individuals over 60 or with disabilities.

Hospitality Center • 101 North Franklin St. • 961-0172 Open 8:30am-3pm, Closed 12-1pm housing navigation and intake for the Extreme Weather Shelter.

Hospitality House Emergency Shelter • 237 N. McPherson Street • 961-1150
Mon-Fri showers and laundry from 9:30am-3pm, dinner at 3pm. Hygiene supplies and clothing as available: 24 beds.

Safe Passage • 325 East Redwood Ave • 961-1100
Open Mon-Thu 9-5pm, Fri 9-1pm. Family resources, diapers, hygiene supplies, clothing as available, case management, children's insurance enrollment, and parenting classes

Mendocino County Youth Project • Ukiah 776 S. State St. Suite 107 463-4915 • Willits 120 N Main (707) 489-1258 • Teen drop in centers 116 S. Main St., Counseling, youth events, snacks/meals, clothing as available, Internet access, and scholarships. Shelter bed programs for ages 18-24. Online prevention activities for teens.

The Arbor Youth Resource Center
810 N. State St. • 462-7267 • Open 10-5pm Mon-Fri for ages 15-24; help with job resumes, college applications, and housing. Education courses, Internet access and clothing closet available. Meals Mon, Wed, Fri at 12pm. Therapeutic services available.

Project Sanctuary • 564 S. Dora St Ste. A-1, Ukiah (462-9196) or 461 N. Franklin St. Fort Bragg (961-1507) Open Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30pm by appointment.
Housing and legal help for domestic violence and sexual assault victims. Help with restraining orders, provides legal assistance.

Food

Ford St. Project Community Food Bank • 888 N. State St.
• 463-2409 Distribution times Tues and Thurs 9am-12pm for seniors and people with disabilities. Wed and Fri. 12-4pm distribution for general public. Friday fresh produce available.

Food Bank of Ft. Bragg • 910 N. Franklin Street • 964-9404 General distribution Mon-Fri 9-3pm & Wed until 5:30pm. Once a week clients may pick up a staple foods bag. Office hrs are Mon-Fri 9-3:30pm

Plowshares • 1346 South State St. • 462-8582
Lunch Mon-Fri 11:30am-12:00pm, personal care packages, and mail service. Free meal 3-5pm. Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors 60 years or older.

Mendocino Presbyterian Church • 44831 Main Street • 937-5441
Food bank handout Thursday 3-5pm. : also free meals

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
255 South Harold • 964-0229 • To go lunches Sundays at 12pm. Can foods mon-fri 10-2pm

Willits Daily Bread • 66 East Commercial • 367-5669
Mon-Thu 4:30-5:30pm hot meal. Cat and dog food when available.

Brown Bag Lunch Program
111 East Commercial Street • (No Phone Number) Saturday
Lunch 1:00-2:00 pm

Health and Social Services

Public Health • 1120 S. Dora St. Ukiah (472-2700) • 472 E Valley St Willits (456-3700) • 120 West Fir St. Fort Bragg (964-4713 informational line)

Family & Children's Services • 463-7990

Adult and Aging Services • 463-7900

Mendocino Community Health Clinic • Hillside Health Center • 333 Laws Ave. • 468-1010 • Little Lake Health Clinic 45 Hazel St. 456-9600 Medical, dental, and behavioral/mental health

MediCal/Social Services • 737 S. State St., • 463-7700
Ukiah Valley Medical Center • 275 Hospital Dr. • 462-3111

Ukiah Valley Rural Health Center
260 Hospital Dr. • 463-8000

WIC (Women Infants and Children under 5 years)
1120 South Dora Street 472-2743 Mon-Thu • 120 West 1st St. 964-7106 Mon-Thur • 474 East Valley St. 456-3812 Mon & Thur. Appointments by phone, supplemental nutrition program for pregnant women, breastfeeding assistance, food assistance & benefits for families in need

First 5 • 166 E. Gobbi Ave. • 462-4453
Support and systems for kids ages 0-5 years. For all families.

Consolidated Tribal Health • 6991 N. State St. • 485-5115 Medical, dental, and behavioral health
Coast Clinic • 205 South St. • 964-1251

Employment and Family Assistance • 764 S. Franklin St. 962-1000

MCAVHN • 148 Clara Ave. • 462-1932 Mental health, harm reduction, and housing navigation

COUNSELING

SUDT (Substance Use Disorder Treatment)
1120 S. Dora St. • 472-2637 Ukiah • 790 South Franklin St. 961-2665

Behavioral Health • 1120 S. Dora St. • 472-2300

Family and Children's Services
790 S. Franklin St. • 962-1100

Willits Family Resource Center
474 E. Valley St. • 456-3710

Redwood Community Services • 631 South Orchard Ave. • 467-2010 • Behavioral health, foster, and homeless services.

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Services of Northern California
421 N. Oak St., Ukiah • 462-1471

Mexican Consulate
2093 Arena Blvd./Sacramento • (916) 441-3287
US Immigration Services • (800) 375-5283

24 HOUR HOTLINES

Toll Free Crisis Line • (800) 555-5906
CA. Missing Children's Hotline • (800) 222-3463
National Runaway Switchboard • 800-Runaway or (800) 786-2929
National Domestic Violence Hotline • 800-799-7233
CA Youth Crisis Line/Confidential Crisis Counseling for Youth and Families • (800) 843-5200
Suicide Prevention Hotline • (855) 587-6373
Mendocino Mental Health Crisis • (855) 838-0404