

Title IX, Part A

Students in Transition



Did You Know?

Florida is the third largest hub for human trafficking in the United States.

The data shows that:

*Students experiencing homelessness were 7.19 times more likely to attempt suicide compared to stably housed youth.

*High school students experiencing homelessness are 3.21 times more likely to have a suicide plan compared to stably housed youth.

These devastating findings are not inevitable. Schools can provide students experiencing homelessness with access to mental health support, mentorship, basic needs, and hope.

What can I do if I believe one of my students is experiencing homelessness or is at risk of becoming homeless?

Teachers can play a critical role in the lives of students who are homeless. While McKinney-Vento liaisons bear the local-level legal responsibility for serving students experiencing homelessness, teachers are well-positioned to observe and respond to student needs. Some strategies for providing support include:

1. **Learn more about the McKinney-Vento Act and connect with your local liaison.**
2. **Create a welcoming climate and build trust with all students.**
3. **Help to identify and support students experiencing homelessness.**
4. **Take a trauma-informed approach**
5. **Stabilize basic needs and support full participation**
6. **Ensure classroom policies and procedures set students up for success.**
7. **Reach out to parents/caregivers.**

Sources: *EHCY Fact Sheet, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: How Teachers Can Help Students Who are Homeless.*



Holiday Messaging

Families often don't realize how keeping their student out of school for extra days during the holidays can affect student achievement. Find targeted strategies and tools for educators in the [Attendance Works Holiday Messaging toolkit](#).

As of 11/01/2019
403
Homeless students



**The Salvation Army,
Catholic Charities of NW
Florida and The Matrix
Angel Tree Registration**

Baker

Tuesday, November 12th
from 12pm to 2pm
Location: Baker Area
Recreation Association,
5503 FL-4, Baker

Fort Walton Beach

Tuesday, October 22nd from
9am to 12pm and 1pm to
4pm
Location: The Salvation
Army, 425 Mary Esther
Cutoff Fort Walton Beach

Crestview

Wednesday, October 23rd
from 9am to 3pm
Location: Our Lady of
Victory, 550 Adams Dr.