

## WHAT YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS NEED TO KNOW

- Children and youth experiencing homelessness have a right to attend school.
- Some unaccompanied youth may need to change where they stay frequently. Transportation services to and from school may be available for you.
- Youth experiencing homelessness can stay in their school of origin or enroll in any public schools that students living in the same attendance area are eligible to attend, according to their best interest
- Youth experiencing homelessness may not be denied school enrollment just because school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- If there are any disagreements or disputes about your enrollment, contact the Community Resource Liaison.
- Unaccompanied youth can participate in extracurricular activities and programs. Contact your school counselor for assistance.
- Under section 480, unaccompanied youth have independent student status and will obtain assistance in filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the liaison to verify this status.

## Who is Homeless?

“homeless children and youths” as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including:

- children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
- children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described above

FILER SCHOOL DISTRICT #413

## A BROCHURE FOR Unaccompanied Youth/McKinney-Vento Students and Families



### FSD PROGRAM STAFF

**District Office:** 208-(208) 326-5981

**McKinney-Vento Liaison-**  
Cara Joslin

**Hollister Elementary-**  
Denise Hoyt

**Filer Elementary Counselor-**  
Wendy Kohntopp

**Filer Intermediate School Counselor-**  
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**FMS Counselor-**  
Michelle Pospichal

**FHS Counselor-**

Lauren Jackson and Terry Harris

**Migrant Liaison (Spanish)-**  
Maria Quintero

## RESOURCES

**AS A HOMELESS or UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH, YOU CAN RECEIVE FREE LUNCH, TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, AND ASSISTANCE FILLING OUT THE FAFSA**

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)



## FOOD RESOURCES

**Breakfast/Lunch** for school age children provided to enrolled students  
Monday - Friday when school is in session

### **Filer High School Food Pantry**

### **Mobile Pantry**

Distribution: 2nd Tues of month

### **Lighthouse Pentecostal Church of God**

Distribution: Mondays from 2:00-5:00pm.

## MEDICAL / HEALTH SERVICES

### **Idaho CareLine**

Referral to medication/ medical resources.  
Spanish. 211 or 1-800-926-2588 ida-hocareline.org RxIdaho.org

### **The Wellness Tree**

73 Martin Street  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301  
Tel: (208) 734-2610

## SHELTERS / HOUSING

### **Victory Home**

Men's and Women's shelters, Recovery Programs  
594 Washington St S Twin Falls, ID 83301  
(208) 733-2002

### **Valley House**

507 Addison Ave West Twin Falls, ID 83301  
(208) 734-7736

### **Women & Children's Alliance (WCA)**

720 W Washington St.  
Serves women & children only  
Court advocacy & safety planning.  
24-hour hotline (208)343-7025

### **College of Southern Idaho Community Education**

Provide housing assistance  
315 Falls Ave Twin Falls, ID (208) 733-9554

### **South Central Community Action Partnership**

Provide assistance with homeless, rent, utilities, food, heating bills, etc.  
550 Washington St S Twin Falls, ID 83301  
(208) 733-9351

## HOTLINES & Misc.

### **Health and Welfare Child Protection Crisis line for reporting child abuse**

208-334-5437

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2-1-1 Referral to medication/ medical resources, community resources, child care, substance abuse, etc. Spanish. 211 or 1-800-926-2588

### **Idaho Domestic Violence Hotline**

1-800-669-3176

### **Idaho Housing and Finance Hotline** (208)331-4877 1-866-432-4066

### **Idaho Suicide Prevention & Hotline**

(24 hour) 1-800-273-8255

### **National Alliance on Mental Illness Helpline**

1-800 950-6264

### **National Child Abuse 24 hour Hotlines**

1-800-4-A-CHILD

### **National Runaway 24 hour Hotline**

1-800-786-2929 or 1-899-RUNAWAY

### **National Teen Dating Abuse Hotlines**

1-866-331-9474

### **Rape Crisis Hotline (24 hr)**

208-345-7273

### **Veterans Crisis Line**

1-800-273-8255 X 1