

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

2022-23



Blythe Post
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Youth Services
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Helpful Resources & Numbers

GREEN = UKIAH • TEAL = WILLITS
RED = FORT BRAGG

HOUSING/RESOURCES

Ukiah Recovery Center • 707-462-6290 Mon-Fri 8-4pm Residential, outpatient, and withdrawal treatment. Sober living programs for people 18 or older for substance abuse.

Rural Community Housing Development • 499 Leslie Street • 707-463-1975 • Mon-Fri 8-5pm by appointment. Apartments for low income families, seniors, and veterans, fill out application to get put on a waiting list. Other housing applications information available.

(RCS) Building Bridges and Inland Shelter • 1045 S. State St. • 707-234-3270 • **Building Bridges** open year round 9am-4pm; emergency shelter intake, showers, laundry, telephone, and computers. Wednesday, Street Team Medicine 4:30-7pm homeless mental health referrals available. Storages available.

The Center for Hope • 150 Luce Ave. • 707-468-3887 Open Mon-Fri. 7am-9:30am. Coffee 7-8am. 8am light breakfast, showers first come first served. Clothing room as available.

Ford Street Project and Unity Village • 139 Ford St. • 707-462-1934 Open Mon-Fri 8-12pm available by phone until 5pm. Alcohol and drug rehabilitation housing. **Unity Village** emergency family shelter with shared kitchen for 6-10 families. Applicants need to be 100% sober. Housing navigation and case management available.

Ukiah Recovery Center 201 Brush St. • 707-462-6290 Detox services and residential treatment. Outpatient counseling available.

Willits Community Services • 229 E. San Francisco Street 707-459-3333 • Wed & Fri. 1-4:30pm food distribution and Homeless resource center, jackets, socks, blankets and sleeping bags as available. Motel rooms provided as available for individuals over 60 with verified disabilities. Toiletries, clothing, and winter shelter motel rooms as available.

Hospitality Center 101 North Franklin St. • 707-961-0172 Open 8:30am-3pm, Closed 12-1pm housing navigation and intake for the Extreme Weather Shelter. Wellness center

Hospitality House Emergency Shelter •

237 N. McPherson Street • 707-961-1150

Mon-Fri showers and laundry from 9:30am-1pm, dinner at 3pm. Hygiene supplies and clothing as available: 24 beds.

Mendocino County Youth Project • **Ukiah 776 S. State St. Suite 107** **Teen Drop in Center Suite 102** • 707-463-4915

• **Willits 120 N Main (707) 489-1258** • Teen drop in centers, counseling, youth events, snacks/meals, clothing as available, Internet access, and scholarships. Shelter bed programs for ages 18-24. Online prevention activities for teens. Short-term minor emergency shelter services.

The Arbor Youth Resource Center

810 N. State St. • 707-462-7267 • Open 10-5:30pm Mon-Fri for ages 12-25; help with job resumes, college applications, and housing. Therapeutic services, Internet access, food, clothing closet, and hygiene supplies available. Education courses include sexual health, harm reduction, and a Restorative Justice Youth Counsel.

Project Sanctuary • 564 S. Dora St Ste. A-1, Ukiah (707-462-9196) or 461 N. Franklin St. Fort Bragg

(707-961-1507) 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 shelter, and counseling services. Crisis line 707-463-4357

Manzanita Services • 564 S. Dora St. Suite D Mon-Fri 8-3pm. 707-463-0404 • **286 school St.** 9-3pm 707-456-9020 Wellness center: art, gardening, anger management, life skills, and coping with depression and Bipolar disorder classes.

Food

Ford St. Project Community Food Bank • 888 N. State St. • 707-463-2409 Distribution times Tues and Thurs 9am-12pm for seniors and people with disabilities. Mon, Wed, and Fri 12-4pm distribution for general public. Friday fresh produce available.

Food Bank of Ft. Bragg • 910 N. Franklin Street • 707-964-9404 General distribution Mon-Fri 11-4pm & Wed open until 5:30pm. Once a week clients may pick up a staple foods bag. Farm Stand open for all Mon-Fri 11-4pm. Clothing closet Friday at Farm Stand 11-4pm

Plowshares • 1346 South State St. • 707-462-8582

Lunch Mon-Fri 11:30am-12:00pm, personal care packages, and mail service. Saturday and Sunday meal 3-3:30pm. Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors 60 years or older.

Mendocino Presbyterian Church • 44831 Main Street • 707-937-5441 Food bank handout Thursday 2-3:30pm. Hot meal, showers, street medicine team Tues. 2-3pm.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church 255 South Harold • 707-964-0229 • To go lunches Sundays at 12pm.

Willits Daily Bread • 66 East Commercial • 707-367-5669 Mon-Thurs 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 707-472-2700 • 120 West Fir St. Fort Bragg 707-964-4713 informational line)

Social Services 472 E Valley St Willits 707-456-3700

Family & Children's Services • 707-463-7990

Adult and Aging Services • 707-463-7900

Mendocino Community Health Clinic • **Hillside Health Center** • 333 Laws Ave. • 707-468-1010 • **Little Lake Health Clinic** 45 Hazel St. 707-456-9600 Medical, dental, and behavioral/mental health

MediCal/Social Services • 737 S. State St., • 707-463-7700

Ukiah Valley Medical Center • 275 Hospital Dr. • 707-462-3111

Ukiah Valley Rural Health Center 260 Hospital Dr. • 707-463-8000

WIC (Women Infants and Children under 5 years) 1120 South Dora Street 707-472-2743 Mon-Thurs 8-5pm Friday 8-12pm • 120 West Fir St. 707-964-7106 • 474 East Valley St. 707-456-3812 Mon & Thur. supplemental nutrition program for pregnant women, breastfeeding assistance, food assistance & benefits for families in need.

Employment and Family Assistance • 764 S. Franklin St. 707-962-1000

First 5 • 166 E. Gobbi st. • 707-462-4453

Support and systems for kids ages 0-5 years. For all families. Parenting support and family service navigation.

Consolidated Tribal Health • 6991 N. State St. • 707-485-5115 Medical, dental, and behavioral health

Coast Clinic • 205 South St. • 707-964-1251

MCAVHN • 148 Clara Ave. • 707-462-1932 Mental health, harm reduction, and housing navigation

COUNSELING

SUDT (Substance Use Disorder Treatment)

1120 S. Dora St. • 707-472-2637 Ukiah • 790 South Franklin St. 707-961-2665

Behavioral Health • 1120 S. Dora St. • 707-472-2300

Family and Children's Services 790 S. Franklin St. • 707-962-1100

Ukiah Valley Family Resource Center • 10 Cherry Ct. 707-467-5810

Redwood Community Services • 631 South Orchard Ave. • 707-467-2010 • Behavioral health, foster, and homeless services.

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Services of Northern California 421 N. Oak St., Ukiah • 707-462-1471

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 • 988
RCS Mental Health Crisis • (855) 838-0404