

Resources for Families

Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless

P.O. Box 444, DeLand, Florida
(386) 279-0029

Florida Coalition for the Homeless

(727) 809-1980 or

www.fchonline.org

HUM Center

340 North Street, Daytona Beach, Florida
(386) 252-9400

Volusia County Human Services

Daytona Beach – (386) 254-4675

DeLand – (386) 736-5956

New Smyrna Beach – (386) 423-3309

Orange City – (386) 775-5204

United Way of Volusia-Flagler
Counties, Inc.

First Call for Help – 211

Florida Department of Education

Homeless Education Program
(850) 245-0505

Florida Department of Children
and Families

www.dcf.state.fl.us/homelessness

1-800-962-2873

VCan

www.vcan2020.org

(386) 999-1888

National Resources

National Association for the Education of
Homeless Children and Youth

(866) 862-2562 or www.naehcy.org

National Center for Homeless Education

(800) 308-2145 or www.serve.org/nche

National Law Center
on Homelessness & Poverty

(202) 638-2535 or www.nlchp.org

National Coalition for the Homeless

(202) 462-4822 or

www.nationalhomeless.org

For more information contact:
District Homeless Education Liaison
Department of Students Services:

Jennifer Watley (386) 734-7190 x-20856

East Area – (386) 255-6475

Southeast Area – (386) 427-5223

Westside Area – (386) 734-7190

Volusia County Schools
DeLand Administrative Complex
200 North Clara Avenue
DeLand, Florida 32721

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*What Families
in Transition
Need to Know
about
Public Education*



People Experiencing Transition and Loss of Shelter

The School Board of
Volusia County, FL
School Social Services

People Experiencing
Transition & Loss
of Shelter
(PETALS) Program

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act

Local school districts must ensure that homeless children and youth have equal access to a free, appropriate public education. Homeless children and youth are defined as those who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence. This includes those who are:

- sharing housing due to loss of housing or economic hardship.
- living in motels, hotels, camp grounds, or dilapidated trailers due to lack of alternative housing.
- living in emergency or transitional housing.
- living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, or bus and train stations.
- unaccompanied youth - any child or youth who meets the definition of an individual experiencing homelessness and is not in the physical custody of a legal parent or guardian.
- abandoned in hospitals.
- living in a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular place to sleep; and
- migrant students, living in a situation described above.

Your Children's Rights

The federally funded McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act established educational rights and protections for students experiencing homelessness. Homeless children and youth are entitled to:

- enroll in school without having a permanent address.
- enroll and attend school while arranging for required school records or documents.
- remain in the school attended before becoming homeless.
- receive special programs and services for which they are eligible.
- attend school and participate in school programs with students who are not homeless.
- receive assistance with transportation to/from school.



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When You Move

Becoming homeless is highly disruptive to students in many ways. Whenever possible, use the following guidelines when moving is necessary.

- Inform your child's teacher, school counselor, and principal that you are moving and give them the new address.
- Let school officials know if you want your child to remain in the same school.
- Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations.
- Safeguard and keep a copy of school records, birth certificates, all health and immunization records accessible.
- Have a reliable person keep a second copy of these important records.
- Enroll your child(ren) in school as soon as possible.

Ask About School Services

- Breakfast and lunch programs
- Transportation
- School supplies
- Preschool
- Title I Service