

Resources for Families in Need

If your family is struggling financially and/or is homeless, below are some resources that are available in our community. Please do not hesitate to reach out for help.

Food Pantries in Fitchburg, MA

The Salvation Army on Water St
Fitchburg CAC on Normandy Rd
Cleghorn Neighborhood Center on Fairmont St
St Francis Church on Sheridan Street
GVNA community Services on Main St
Highland Baptist Church on Cedar St
Catholic Charities on Mechanic St.

MOC, Montachusett Opportunity Council, offers a wide range of resources and contacts for those who need heating assistance, emergency housing, and/or food pantries.

MOC

133 Prichard Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420
[\(978\)345-7040](tel:9783457040)

YMCA After School Club for Teens, offers an after school club for teens for FREE where teens can join in different activities and sports, including tutoring, swimming, and basketball to name a few, and students can use the facilities such as the showers at the YMCA. The program is available Monday-Friday after school until approximately 6 PM. For more information, contact the teen center at:

YMCA
55 Wallace Ave, Fitchburg, MA 01420
(978) 343-4847, ext. 206

Health Resources

Community Health Connections Family Health Centers 978-878-8555
Mass Health Enrollment Center 888-665-9993
MassHealth Customer Service 800-841-2900

School Resources: Attached is the McKinney Vento/Homeless Student Program for your review. Should you have questions or for more information and resources, please contact your schools' Homelessness Liaison:

Lyndsie Currello
School Counselor
978-345-2701, ext. 421

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH



IF YOU LIVE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter



In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation



In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station



Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

You may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Eligible students have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is their preference and is feasible.
 - * If the school district believes that the school selected is not in his/her best interest, then the district must provide the student with a written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the students' needs.

If you believe you may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available.



Local Liaison

Lyndsie Currallo, Sizer
School : 978-345-2701, 421

State Coordinator

Sarah Slaughterback, DESE
781-338-6330

If you need further assistance with your educational needs,
contact the National Center for Homeless Education:

1-800-308-2145 * homeless@serve.org * www.serve.org/nche