

Common Signs of Homelessness

- ✚ Lack of Educational Continuity
- ✚ Poor Health/Nutrition
- ✚ Transportation & Attendance Problems
- ✚ Poor Hygiene
- ✚ Lack of Personal Space After School
- ✚ Social and Behavioral Concerns
- ✚ Reactions of Statements by Parents, Guardians, or Students.

Note: While these are considered common signs, please recognize that they only offer general guidance. There is significant variability within the school-age homeless population. Individual students may differ significantly from the following general characteristics.

More Information....

To apply for the Homeless Program please contact Alyssa Chavez at (505) 598-4534 or visit the Central Consolidated Administration Complex in Shiprock, NM.

Forms available on CCSD Website:
www.ccsdnm.org

- ✚ NM Student Residency Questionnaire
- ✚ Homeless Program Flyer
- ✚ Homeless Brochure

To learn more on Homeless Education in New Mexico visit National Center for Homeless Education website at www.nchespp.serve.org

To learn more on Homeless Children and Youth across the nation visit National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth website at www.naehcy.org

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Community Resources

- ✚ **Navajo Nation Division of Social Service**
PH: (505) 368-1185
- ✚ **New Mexico Human Services**
PH: (505) 566-9600
- ✚ **San Juan United Way**
PH: (505) 326-1195

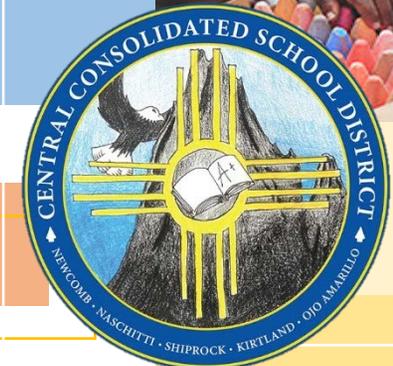
Local Shelters

- ✚ **The Roof Shelter**
PH: (505) 327-5117
- ✚ **People Assisting the Homeless Shelter**
PH: (505) 327-3104
- ✚ **Path**
PH: (505) 327-3104

Emergency Food & Clothing Assistance

- ✚ **Salvation Army**
PH: (505) 327-5117
- ✚ **ECHO Food Bank**
PH: (505) 325-8222
- ✚ **Shiprock Bethel Christian Reform Church**
PH: (505) 368-4475

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Supporting the
Education of Children
and Youth
Experiencing
Homelessness

Law into Practice

The purpose of Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act is to provide all children with a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps. Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 ensures that children experiencing homelessness have access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, and related services as their permanently housed peers so that they have an equal opportunity to meet the same challenging academic standards.

Mckinney-Vento Definition of Homeless

The term “homeless children and youth”—

- A) means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence...; and
- B) includes —
 - i) 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;
 - ii) 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...;
 - iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
 - iv) migratory children...who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

Homeless Students’ Rights

- ✦ Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for transfer of required school records or documents
- ✦ Enroll and attend classes even while the school and parent seek to resolve a dispute over enrollment
- ✦ Be immediately enrolled in school without a permanent address
- ✦ Go to school, no matter where the student lives or how long he/she has lived there
- ✦ Receive transportation to his/her school or origin as long as he/she is homeless, or if the student becomes permanently housed, receive transportation until the end of the academic school year
- ✦ Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students (like free/reduced lunch, ELL, Title I services, Special Education, before and after school care, and gifted services).

What we are doing

Eligible homeless students attending Central Consolidated Schools are awarded the following to help them be successful during the school year:

- ✦ Provide shopping voucher for clothing and/or hygiene products
- ✦ Receive backpacks filled with school supplies
- ✦ Ensuring educational stability for children in Foster Care
- ✦ Ensures equal access to all education and activity programs available
- ✦ Provide parents and students with information to be successful in school
- ✦ Support school staff experiencing any difficulties or questions regarding homeless students.
- ✦ Community Awareness



“I knew I didn’t want to be homeless for the rest of my life, and I saw education as the sure path to a more secure future.”

Formerly homeless student,
LeTendre scholar, 2005