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- Click Homeless Information includes -
- Phone / Email for your school's Homeless Liaison
- Student Rights under MV law

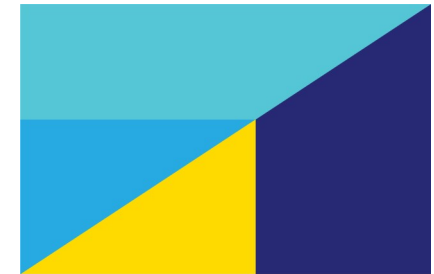
Have a question? Not sure where to enroll your student?
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 616-365-2337

Kent ISD School Homeless Liaisons

Alger Heights VLC	Latasha Robertson-Crump	616-350-9896
Byron Center Chrtr	Holly Cravino	616-878-4852
Byron Center	Erin Tacoma	616-878-6112
Caledonia	Katie Dorband	616-891-8129
Cedar Springs	Tina Tiethoff	616-696-0580
Chandler Woods Chrtr	Georgiana Varlan	616-866-6000
Covenant House	Ashelei McDaniel	616-364-2000
Cross Creek Chrtr	Melissa Wierenga	616-656-4000
Comstock Park	Missi McPherson	616-254-5016
Creative Technologies	Sara Middlebrook	616-696-4905
East Grand Rapids	Joanne Platt	616-235-3535
Excel Charter	Mike Benskey	616-281-9339
Forest Hills	Jesús Santillán	616-493-8578
Godfrey-Lee	Nancy Opacki	616-241-4722
Godwin Heights	Rashida Mitchner	616-252-2070
GR Child Discovery Ctr	Trevor Gilbert	616-459-0330
Grand Rapids	Jerrold Horton	616-819-7762
Grand River Prep	Debra Cusic	616-261-1800
Grandville	Anne Waldie	616-254-6614
Hope Academy of W MI	Janet Piccolo	616-301-8458
Kelloggsville	Ericka Scott	616-538-7460
Kenowa Hills	Cindy Ruscett	616-784-2511
Kent City	Amy Tavares	616-678-4214
Kent ISD (SPED)	Amy Slagboom	616-447-5677
Kent ISD (Early Childhd)	Stacey Bright	616-447-2409
Kentwood	Sarah Weir	616-455-4400
Knapp Chrtr	Traci Reynolds	616-364-1100
Lighthouse	Hannah Austin Olmos	616-965-9706
Lowell	Dan VanderMeulen	616-987-2510
New Branches	Patty Provot	616-243-6221
NexTech HS	Jolene Manley	616-458-4992
Northview	Dan Heitzman	616-361-3470
PrepNet Virtual	Yesica Ramirez	313-296-1499
Ridge Park Chrtr	Anna Felkers	616-222-0093
River City Scholars	Susan Thomas	616-248-3390
Rockford	Stacey Jennette	616-863-6326
Sparta	Joel Stoner	616-887-8253
Thornapple-Kellogg	Marcy Jore	269-795-5522
Vanguard Chrtr	John Fisher	616-538-3630
Vista Chrtr	Ashley Waltersdorf	616-246-6920
Walker Chrtr	Paige Wolffis	616-785-2700
Wellspring Prep	Emily Hurrell	616-235-9500
W MI Acad of Envir Sci	Samantha Henry	616-791-7454
W MI Aviation Academy	Rachel Mindes	616-446-8886
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Wyoming	Jason Maas	616-530-7525

McKinney-Vento / Homeless Services

Do you know your educational rights while you are experiencing Homelessness?



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Who is Homeless?

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homelessness as lacking a “fixed, regular, and adequate” nighttime residence. Students who have lost their housing due to economic hardship or disaster are covered under the MV Act.

Students are Homeless if they are:

- Living in a shelter
- Living unsheltered (in a park, car, tent, etc.)
- Living in a motel
- Living in a Transitional Housing program
- Living doubled-up with others
- Unaccompanied homeless youth

Pre-K students (in state or federally funded Pre-K programs) have similar rights under McKinney-Vento and are eligible for transportation to maintain school of origin if they become homeless.

Rights Under MV Act

Students in Kindergarten through 12th grade have educational rights under the MV Act.

K-12 Students Have the Right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education
- Enroll in school immediately, even if they lack documents normally required for enrollment
- Enroll in the local school or continue in their school of origin (if the school district feels the school you select is not in the best interest of the student, they will provide you with a written explanation and inform you of your right to appeal their decision)
- Receive transportation to their school of origin, if requested
- Receive educational services comparable to other students
- Receive free lunch if the school participates in the School Nutrition Program



What about my child in preschool?

PreK students attending state or federally funded programs (GSRP, Head Start blend, ECSE) are also eligible for McKinney-Vento Act services:

- Immediate enrollment, even if lacking key documents (if space is available)
- Right to continue in school of origin (if in the best interest of the child)
- Receive transportation to continue in school of origin (if in best interest of student)

Out of School Youth

If you have stopped attending school or have dropped out, your school district’s Homeless Liaison can help connect you to services, including re-enrollment in school.

What if I am alone?

Youth who are separated from their parents are eligible for help from their district’s Homeless Liaison. The Liaison can help you with enrollment, scheduling, transportation to school of origin, school supplies, and referrals for community services.

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