

# McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

## Who Is Homeless?

Homeless students are those who lack a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence. This includes students who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or campgrounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals. The definition includes migratory students who live in the aforementioned situations.

## Homeless Students' Rights

## How Do I Get Help?

Otwell Miller Academy sets funds aside to assist students experiencing homelessness with basic needs, including items such as clothing and shoes, personal school supplies, and personal hygiene products. Please contact our homeless liaison, listed below, for information and assistance.

### **Contact:**

**Mrs. Stardom Riker, Director**

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(812) 354-0800

## Outside Resources & Supports

### **Local & State Resources:**

- [Pike County Family and Social Services](#)
  - **Pike County Division of Family Resources**, 2105 E. Main St., Suite B, Petersburg, IN 47567
    - **Telephone/fax number:** 800-403-0864
    - **Office hours:** Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
    - **Regional Manager:** Donna Martin, **Deputy Regional Manager:** Valerie Brown
  - [Apply for benefits online](#) (SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, Hoosier Healthwise, HIP)
  - [Manage current benefits](#) (check status/report a change)
  - [Screening tool](#) (see if you qualify for benefits)
  - [Map and printable directory](#) (all DFR local offices)
- [Indiana 211](#)
- [Homeless Initiative Program | HealthNet](#)
- [SNAP/Food Stamps for Unaccompanied Youth](#)
- [Indiana Education for Homeless Children & Youth Building Futures through Education](#)

### **State and Federal Resource Directories:**

- [SchoolHouse Connection](#)
- [NAEHCY](#)
- [National Center for Homeless Education](#)

### **IDOE McKinney-Vento: Homeless Children and Youth Program Website:**

<https://www.in.gov/doe/home/mckinney-vento-homeless-children-and-youth-program/>

### ***IDOE State Coordinators:***

Flora Jones, Director of Student Pathways & Opportunities

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