

Definition of Homeless

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines homelessness as “individuals who lack a **fixed, regular and adequate** night time residence.

This definition includes those who:

- Live in emergency transitional shelters
- Live in a motel, hotel, trailer park, camp ground, or abandoned in hospital
- Live in cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, or abandoned building
- Living with relatives/friends due to eviction/fire
- Migratory children living in these conditions

Local Resources

For Homeless Shelters

Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle Counties

Sunrise Mission (Alpena): **(989) 356-1277**
Friendship Shelter(Gaylord): **(989) 732-5960**

For Domestic Violence (DV) Shelters

Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle Counties

Hope Shores Alliance (Alpena): **(989) 356-6265**
National DV Hotline: **(800) 799-7233**

For Those In Danger of Homelessness

Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle Counties

Northeast Michigan Community
Service Agency (NEMSCA): **(989) 358-4600**

Catholic Human Services: **(989) 356-6385**

Michigan Department of Health and
Human Services

Alpena Branch: **(989) 354-7200**
Montmorency Branch: **(989) 785-4218**

For Prepared Meals

In Alpena County

St. Bernard Friendship Room
322 W Chisholm Street, Alpena MI, 49707
Mon to Fri: 4:00 - 5:30 PM / Sat: 2:30 - 4:00 PM
989-354-8018

Trinity Episcopal Sunday Supper
124 East Washington Ave, Alpena MI, 40707
Sun: 4:00 PM
989-356-0576

Other Agency Information

for emergency assistance by county

Alcona County

St. Vincent de Paul: **(989) 736-6271**
AHC Harrisville Services: **(989) 724-5655**
AHC Lincoln Services: **(989) 736-8157**
AHC Tiger Ext. School in Lincoln: **(989) 736-8716**

Alpena County

St. Vincent de Paul: **(989) 354-3671**
The Salvation Army: **(989) 354-5147**
AHC Alpena Services **(989) 356-4049**
Lincoln Elementary Health Center: **(989) 358-3935**
Alpena High Wildcat Clinic: **(989) 358-3998**
AHC Ossineke Services: **(989) 471-2156**

Iosco County

FISH Inc. Tawas Branch: **(989) 362-8788**
FISH Inc. Oscoda Branch: **(989) 739-9400**
AHC Oscoda Services: **(989) 739-2550**

Montmorency County

Atlanta Helping Hands: **(989)785-4062**
Army Links: **(989) 739-7322**

Presque Isle County

Westminster Presbyterian: **(814) 888-5982**

Alcona Health Center Dental

Alpena: **(989) 358-3946**
Oscoda: **(989) 739-7927**

Michigan Works, Alpena Branch

Website: nemcworks.org
Local: **989-306-7358**
State: **800-285-WORK**

United Way of Northeast Michigan

Alpena Branch: **(989) 354-2221**



For more information on
McKinney-Vento Homelessness
Assistance, and to contact a local
liaison, please visit

www.nem-mv.com

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Are You In Need Of
Education Support While Facing
**Unstable
Housing?**
We Can Help.



McKinney-Vento (MV) Homeless Education Assistance Grant
APS Consortium

Families in Transition (FIT) Program

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grant assistance for eligible students in Alcona, Alpena, AMA-ESD, Atlanta and Hillman Public Schools

McKinney-Vento Act (MV):

Federal act which guarantees rights and services for children and youth lacking stable nighttime residence.

Families in Transition (FIT):

Program which supports those eligible under the McKinney-Vento Act.

McKinney-Vento and Families in Transition Program Eligibility

- Frequent moves due to lack of permanent housing?
- Living with extended family, friends, or in temporary places?
- Utilizing hotels, motels, or transitional shelters?
- Needing assistance with voucher programs (NEMCSA/DHHS)?
- Facing eviction or sleeping in unconventional settings?

Services Offered by the Families in Transition (FIT) Program

- Immediate school enrollment
- Coordination of educational and social services
- Provision of essential school supplies and clothing
- Assistance with educational and transportation challenges
- Referral assistance for younger siblings for potential Early Childhood Programs
- Free books to children from birth to five years old (*sign up today at www.imaginationlibrary.com*)

Sign Up Today

- **ACES Academy:** Guidance Counselor or School Success Worker
- **Alpena High School:** Guidance Counselor or School Success Worker
- **Thunder Bay Junior High:** Guidance Counselor or School Success Worker
- **Alpena Elementary Schools:** School Success Worker
- **Alcona, Atlanta or Hillman Public Schools:** MV Liaison, Admission Staff, School Counselor or Success Worker

Know Your Rights!

Homeless youth are entitled to school enrollment

You do not need a permanent address to enroll a child in school

Keeping enrollment in your home school is best whenever possible

Lack of immediate access to school records or other documentation cannot prevent school enrollment.

You cannot be denied transportation to and from your home school when feasible.

You have the right to participate in all extracurricular activities and programs for which you are eligible.

Tutoring services may available upon request.

You have the right to dispute enrollment decisions on school selection and placement. Dispute Solution Procedure Forms are available upon request

Additional Resources

Iosco Regional Education Service Agency (Adult Education Programs & GED)

Phone: (989) 305-8063

READ Literacy Program

Phone: (989) 356-6188 ext. 15

Dial "2-1-1"

For emergency and other community assistance information available 24/7

Compass North Youth Services & Crisis Intervention Programs

For homeless, runaway, and at-risk teens

Phone: (989) 356-4567 ext. 207

Phone: (989) 464-0992

What To Do...

If You Move Often

- Always have ready a copy of your birth certificate and school records accessible.
- Safeguard all health and immunization records.
- Have a reliable person keep a second copy of your birth certificate, school records, and health information.
- Enroll in your new school as soon as possible.

Before You Move

- Tell your school secretary, teacher, school success staff member, or principal that you are moving, and give them the new address.
- Let school officials know if you want to stay in his/her home school while you are settling into your new residence.
- Ask for a copy of your school records, including immunizations.

Ask About These Special Services

- Free breakfast and lunch programs
- Title I services
- Special Education services, if you have previously received special education.
- After-school, before-school or summer programs when offered.



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