

Highland Park Independent School District
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program
PO Box 30430, Amarillo, TX 79120

Information for Parents and School-Aged Children

Students who lack a fixed, regular or adequate nighttime shelter or live in any of the conditions below may qualify for services as a displaced student. The Federal McKinney-Vento Act and Texas State Law guarantee that students can enroll in school if they live

- In a shelter (family shelter, domestic violence shelter, youth shelter, or transitional living program);
- In a motel, hotel, or in weekly-rate housing;
- In a house or apartment with more than one family because of economic hardship or loss;
- With an adult who is not the student's parent or legal guardian;
- In sub-standard housing (no electricity, no water, and or no heat); or
- With friends or family because the student is a runaway or an unaccompanied youth.

If the student lives in one of these situations, the following is NOT required to enroll in or attend school:

- Proof of residency;
- Immunization records or a TB skin test result;
- Birth certificate
- School records; or
- Legal guardianship papers.

The situation may also:

- Continue to attend the school in which they were last enrolled, even if they have moved away from that school's attendance zone or district
- Qualify to receive transportation from their current residence back to their school of origin;
- Qualify automatically for Child Nutrition Programs (free and reduced price breakfast, lunch and other district food programs);
- Participate fully in all school activities and programs for which they are eligible; and,
- Contact the District's Homeless Liaison to resolve any disputes that may arise during the enrollment process.

If you need assistance or have questions about enrolling in school please contact:
Rala Underwood, Homeless Liaison at 806.335.2821

Resources

Buckner Children and Family Services

PO Box 5864

352-3900

Buckner Family Place is a 17 unit apartment complex. The program provides safe, affordable housing to single parents and their children while the parents are enrolled in an educational or vocational program.

Catholic Family Services Low Income Housing

806-350-4605 No application Fee All utilities paid

Affordable housing program provides 53 rental units for low- income families. This program provides housing for people who may not be able to afford the high deposits and added utility costs of other apartments. CFS keeps the apartments highly maintained, deposits are minimal, and utilities are included.

City of Amarillo Assistance

HUD Housing

509 East 7th 378-3098

If a person wants to get HUD housing within the Amarillo city limits, they can call this number. Applications are taken the first Tuesday of each month. 8am- 4pm, assists with emergency repairs.

Low income housing/apartments

Amarillo Gardens: 1223 S. Roberts 373-1074

Cross Timbers: 2401 N. Grand 383-8222

Green Acres: 3118 W. 15th 376-6013

Greentree Village: NE 24th and Fritch Highway 381-8387

San Jacinto: 350-4605

Spring Terrace: 2600 S. Spring 374-7522

Win-Lin Village: 5700 Wabash 353-0354

All of the above require a picture ID and proof of income.

Rental Rehabilitation Program (City of Amarillo)

378-9319

Provides financial assistance to property owners as an incentive to rehabilitate substandard rental units. The assistance offered is in the form of a no interest deferred payment loan, which is forgiven at the end of a 5 or 10-year period.

Section 8 Rental Assistance (City of Amarillo)

378-3098

Federally funded program to provide rental assistance to lower income families. Participants lease units from existing market, and the city pays a rent subsidy each month to the landlord on behalf of the family. There is a waiting year of approximately two years.

Shelter Plus Care (City of Amarillo)

378-3098

Provides rental assistance and supportive services to homeless persons with a chronic mental illness. Participants lease units from existing market and pay approximately 30% of their monthly adjusted gross income as their share of the rent. Participants must comply with a treatment plan.

FIT Program (Families in Training)

372-2531

This program is geared to defray costs in rent while families are enrolled in post-secondary education.

Habitat for Humanity

2700 Wilson 383-3456

If a person qualifies, they can get a house for about \$300 a month. There is no interest and no closing costs. People must be willing to volunteer 500 hours towards building another home for someone else. They require the last 2 years income tax returns, pay stubs, etc. Call for details.

Housing for Single Parent (with or without children)

Buckner Family Place: 1615 S. Tyler 373-3422

This place is for single parents who are working or going to school. A case manager will help parents get signed up for programs necessary to be successful. Rent is required and HUD is accepted.

Sunshine Cottage: (Eveline Rivers)

This is a place that requires women to be attending school and working towards goals. Must be a 2 year or 4 year degree. This is for homeless, low or moderate income only.

Martha's Home

Phone: 806-372-4035

Email: info@marthashome.org

To provide homeless women and their children with shelter and support while guiding them towards a lifestyle of self-sufficiency. This is temporary housing.

Case Management services with individualized assistance;

- GED tutoring and access to academic programs at Amarillo College, WTAMU;
- Assistance with scholarship opportunities and grant applications;
- Vocational training and job placement through the Panhandle Workforce Solutions;
- Life skills training where women learn budgeting, job interviewing skills, stress management, and conflict resolution;
 - Legal matters through Legal Aid of Northwest Texas;
 - Medical problems and completing medical forms;
 - Childcare through local and government funded programs;
 - Parenting classes taught at Family Support Services;
 - Spiritual support and regularly scheduled Bible study;
 - Mentoring by former Martha's Home clients;
 - Establishment of permanent housing through City of Amarillo Rental Assistance, Shelter Plus Care, etc.

2-1-1 <http://www.211.texas.org>

2-1-1 is a free and confidential service that provides information and referral to the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. 2-1-1 can be accessed by either dialing 2-1-1 from a landline or mobile device or using the website. You can access this information 24/7 from any location using today's technology. The database is beneficial and convenient for all professionals.

Amarillo City Transit

378-3095

<http://www.ci.amarillo.tx.us/departments/transit/fixroute/fixroute%20riders%20guide.pdf>

Has fares, routes, rules for bus riders

Bethesda

806-383-6990 (anyone available)

This is a large outreach center that assists families with food, clothing, and household items. Families can call on Monday mornings from 10-12 to get appointment for that week.

Food outreach is every Wednesday morning at 9:45am.

Parents need picture identification card and social security card of family members.

People must attend a short church session before getting assistance. Doors are locked at 9:45am.

Clothing outreach is scheduled for the first and third Thursday of the month at 9:30am.

Social security cards of parents and child are required.

CareNet Referral List of all kinds of Resources - CareNet referrals.doc

Car Seats

Call Julie Poindexter @ NWTB 354-1444

If a woman delivers and takes the one-hour class, they will give a car seat to the family before they leave. No infant seats.

Catholic Family Services

376-4571 <http://cfsama.com/>

Helps with shelter, first time home buyer classes for immigrants, refugees, adoption, eye program over 18, food assistance for 55 & older and disabled.

Central Church of Christ Community Outreach <http://www.centralcofc.com/>

1401 S. Monroe 373-4389

Food Pantry

Personal Grooming Supplies

Utility Assistance

Automotive Gas Assistance

Prescription Drug Assistance

Help with Drivers license, birth certificates and ID's until funds are depleted

Coalition of Health Services

301 S. Polk Suite 740

Has clothing and soft goods such as bedding, pillows, etc. for low income families, families of children with disabilities or adults with disabilities. Clothing is also available in various sizes. Bedding is available for twin, queen, full and king beds

Cornerstone Outreach

1111 N. Buchanan 381-2131

Food give away is every Friday at noon or call if an emergency.

Kids Feeding Kids: This is a summer food program.

Counseling Services

Clothing Tuesday-Thursday or by appointment

Eyeglasses Help

Maverick Club - 372-8393

Has vouchers for sight for student glasses. Contact Jessica for the vouchers.

Site for Students by VSP <http://www.sightforstudents.org/>

HIS Vision Center: 806-352-5615

This center, located on Eighth Avenue, opens about once a month to give free adult eye exams and glasses. It is sponsored by St. Paul United Methodist Church and the Downtown Lions Club.

Downtown Lions Club of Amarillo - 373-0648

Faith City Mission

401 SE 2nd 373-6402

Meals served Monday - Saturday 5:45am, 11:30am, and 5:00pm

Food Stamps, Medicaid and TANF services

28 Western Plaza Drive 376-7214 www.yourtexasbenefits.com

You can get a phone interview and an appointment will be set up if necessary.

Free Clothes

301 S. Polk, Ste 740 806-337-1700 ext. 212

Uniting Parents have clothing for students that need them. There are mostly women's and girls but there are a few men's shirts and t-shirts. Call and make an appointment.

Freedom Baptist Church

900 Alta Vista 354-8499 Call ahead.

Food give-away every 4th Thursday of the month if there are 4 weeks in a month.

Clothing Give-away is 5pm Food Give-away is at 6pm.

High Plains Food Bank <http://www.hpfb.org/>**Eveline Rivers Coat Give-Away**

314 S. Jefferson 806-372-3985

Coats are given to infants, preschoolers, and school aged children only. Must have the original Eveline Rivers referral from school or agency, Social Security cards for every child or a registration form from school or school ID, Proof of residence. Children must be present to get a coat.

Office of Vital Statistics

City of Amarillo 509 E. 7th

378-9344 <http://www.ci.amarillo.tx.us/departments/vitalstatistic.html>

Anyone needing a Texas birth certificate can get a copy here. The office is open Monday-Friday from 8:00-5:00. The cost for a birth certificate is \$24.00.

Panhandle Community Services, "Panhandle Express"

Located at 1309 W. 8th

Refurbished van that services people with utility assistance, Help for families in transition and food. It will drive to regional towns, park and set up the mobile office. Clients will be able to fill out applications. It will also work with the High Plains Food Bank to bring food to smaller communities.

Refugee and Citizenship

806-376-4571

Resettlement services that include medical, orientation, employment, housing, transportation, school, social security number application and ESL. Translation services in 14 languages.

Salvation Army

Serving Amarillo-High Plains
806-373-6631

RENTAL ASSISTANCE:

Original State I.D./D.L. & Social Security

Eviction notice and Lease agreement with land lords name and number

Proof of income

Statement from landlord saying how much you owe and what charges have been added to your account.

Every 365 days from prior overnight stay, if qualified.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE: Original State I.D./D.L. & Social Security

Most recent Bill & Disconnect Notice name must match person seeking assistance

Proof of income

Every 365 days from prior overnight stay, if qualified.

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE: Original State I.D./D.L. & Social Security

Original Prescription

Proof of income or homeless verification letter

Every 365 days from prior overnight stay, if qualified.

HOMELESS - 1 ST TIME DEPOSIT &/or RENT Original State I.D./D.L. & Social Security Unsigned lease agreement Proof of income Please contact Leslie Fowler with your referral at the number listed below. Letter showing shelter case management for a minimum of 30 consecutive days. Every 365 days from prior overnight stay, if qualified.

Southwest Church of Christ

4515 Cornell Call Misty @ 352-5647 <http://www.southwest.org/>

Call after 1pm on Monday & Tuesday (1-3pm), Wednesday all day (8-5)

They have clothing, household items, some furniture. It also has counseling - spiritual, financial, employment, and marriage. Opens 8:00am-5:00pm for clothing (appointment only) Call for appointments on Monday 353-0883. Clothing is distributed on Wednesdays. For further information:

TAIRS <http://www.tairs.org/>

The Texas Alliance of Information and Referral Systems, Inc. (TAIRS) is a statewide association of agencies and individuals committed to the provision of quality information, referral and helpline services.

Our members include United Ways, crisis hotlines, community councils, libraries, military services centers, state health and human service agencies, elder help lines, 2-1-1s, child care resource and referral providers, and others who provide hotline and information services.

TAIRS offers an annual training conference for our members and other interested service providers.

Information and Referral is about bringing people and services together. TAIRS provides an essential communication link between people who need services and those who provide them. It is a connection to State, Regional and National Networks for long distance caregivers. It is a facilitator, broker and advocate.

The Thrift City <http://www.dwcenter.org/retail-stores.php>

This is a retail store and they are welcome to shop but do not give out free clothing.

Washington St. Family Service Center

806-352-1307 Dennis Westover 4002 S Washington

This place offers lots of all-age clothing, toiletries, and emergency food. Adults, bring drivers' license or social security card.

West Texas Legal Services

203 W. 8th 373-6808 http://www.lanwt.org/locations_amarillo.asp

A person must qualify financially first. If they qualify, they can receive services by attorney for family problems, housing & landlord issues, and other situations.

LEGAL AID DOES NOT HANDLE ANY CRIMINAL, TRAFFIC TICKETS, WORKER'S COMPENSATION OR ANY TYPE OF FEE GENERATING CASES!

Clinic times and dates at Polk Street Methodist Church:

Third Tuesday and alternate between Polk St. and Wesley

Clinic times at Wesley Community Center: 4:30 - 7pm

Also at Tyler Street Resource Center, an attorney will be in the swing room from 2:00p to 3:00p every first and third Wednesday from 1:30 until finished.

WIC

1-800-942-3678 or 371-1119 <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/>

Support to families in Texas. Offers nutritional food and milk products high in calcium, protein, iron, and vitamin C. Children must be under age 5 to receive.

Your Texas Benefits

offers you easy and secure online access to Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) benefits including Medicaid, Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Children's Health Insurance, and nursing home care and other services for people who are elderly or have disabilities.

You can apply for:

SNAP food benefits (food stamps)

Health care benefits (Medicaid)

Cash help for families (TANF)

Medicare savings program

Long-term care

<https://www.yourtexasbenefits.com/ssp/SSPHome/ssphome.jsp>