

Medina Valley ISD McKinney- Vento Program

According to a 2013 survey conducted by the Texas Homeless Network, there are over 79,000 individuals experiencing homelessness on any given night in Texas. Our state reports serving over 101,607 homeless students in 2012-2013. MVIDS is committed to providing the homeless students within our district with the resources they need to receive a quality public education.



VALUABLE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEDINA COUNTY SERVICES:

*****<http://211info.org/>*****

211 info is an excellent resource for reaching providers who assist with medical, mental health, housing, and food needs. Other contact information:

THHSC (Food Stamps & Medicaid) . . . (877) 541-7905
SA Food Bank (210) 431-8326
Medina County Food Pantry (830) 426-4847
American Red Cross (210) 224-5151
Salvation Army (210) 352-2020
CHIP (877) 543-7669
United Way (800) 644-1917
Legal Aid (210) 212-3783
South Texas Rural Health Se. (830) 426-5288
St. Vincent DePaul (830) 931-3890
Medina Children's Home (830) 589-2871
AAA (Area Agencies on Aging) (800) 252-9240

ADDITIONAL MVIDS CONTACTS:

(830) 931-2243

Sandra Rodriguez, District Homeless &
Foster Care Liaison: Ext. 1239

Jennifer Basinger, Elem. Social Worker:
(210) 215-3354

Sarresa Thorson, MS Social Worker: Ext. 1145

Emily Ellis, HS Social Worker: Ext. 1176

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Joe Romo, District Attendance Officer: Ext. 1246

*School guidance counselors may also be
contacted.

MEDINA VALLEY ISD MCKINNEY VENTO (HOMELESS) PROGRAM



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McKinney Vento Program: Medina Valley ISD

The McKinney-Vento Program works with families and unaccompanied youth that live in a temporary living situation due to loss of housing. To help support the needs of these individuals and their families, each school district in Texas appoints a Homeless Liaison.

The Medina Valley ISD Homeless Liaison abides by all McKinney-Vento federal and state laws. The liaison works in partnership with the county government, a network of service providers, food pantries, clinics, shelters, and numerous charitable organizations.

The MVIDS McKinney-Vento Program supports students and families by educating school staff, performing community outreach, and removing barriers to school attendance and academic progress.

Students qualifying for McKinney-Vento have the right to:

- ✓ Receive a free and appropriate public education
- ✓ Receive support from the school district's McKinney-Vento Liaison
- ✓ Enroll in school immediately
- ✓ Access the same programs and services as other students
- ✓ Receive free/reduced lunch

Students may also qualify for:

- ✓ Clothing and hygiene assistance upon availability
- ✓ Reduced or waived fees for school sports and activities
- ✓ Referrals for health care, financial aid, housing, and utility support
- ✓ Extra academic support

Who qualifies?

Families that are:

- * Sharing the housing of other persons due to a loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason
- * Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, cars, substandard housing, abandoned buildings, and/or campgrounds
- * Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- * Awaiting foster care placement
- * An unaccompanied youth (not living with your parent or guardian) living in a temporary situation and,
- * A migratory child who qualifies based on above circumstances

HOMELESS LIAISON CONTACT INFORMATION:

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