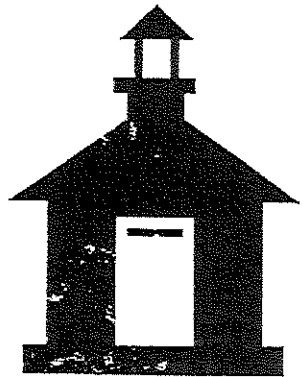


HOMELESS ?

What Homeless Families Need to Know

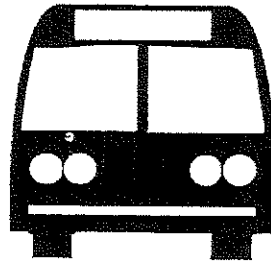
- Homeless children have a right to attend school.
- You do not need a permanent address to enroll your child in school.
- Homeless children have the right to stay in their home school if the parents choose.
- Your child cannot be denied school enrollment just because school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- Your child has the right to transportation services to and from the school of origin.
- Your child has the right to participate in extracurricular activities and all federal, state, or local programs for which he/she is eligible.



Children love to dream...
Homeless children simply dream
of having homes.

What Your Family Can Do Before You Move

- Tell your child's teacher and principal that your child is moving, and give them the new address.
- Let school officials know if you want your child to stay in his/her home school while you are getting the family stabilized.
- Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations.



Tips for Families Who Move Often

- Keep a copy of birth certificates and school records accessible.
- Safeguard all health and immunization records.
- Have a reliable person keep a second copy of the child's birth certificate, school records, and health information.
- Enroll children in school as soon as possible.

At School, Ask About These Special Services

- Free breakfast and lunch programs ...
- Free transportation services
- Special transportation for children to remain in their home school
- Special education programs, especially if the student has previously received special education services
- Tutoring programs
- Programs to help children learn English
- Gifted or talented programs
- Summer school programs
- Pre-school programs
- After-school programs
- Homeless assistance programs

Schools give homeless children hope
and a chance for a better future.

Special Education

Children with special needs between the ages of 2 and 21 are eligible to receive a free, appropriate education provided through the public school system. Children with some disabilities are eligible for services from birth. Parents who believe their child may be eligible should request an educational evaluation by contacting their child's school or the school district.