

## What Are Your Rights?

- Your child may stay in your school of origin or transfer to a school in the attendance area where you live, according to their best interests.
- You may enroll your child in school immediately even if he/she lacks normal records/paperwork required for enrollment.
- Your child has the right to receive transportation services to the extent feasible.
- Your child has the right to participate in the same programs that are provided to other students.

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***“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved.***

***-Helen Keller***

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## National Center for Homeless Education

1-800-308-2145  
<http://www.center.serve.org/nche>  
Email: [homeless@serve.org](mailto:homeless@serve.org)

## National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY)

866-862-2562  
[www.naehcy.org](http://www.naehcy.org)

# Resources for Homeless Families

In Ashe County

## **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Subtitle B-Education for Homeless Children and Youth), reauthorized in January 2002, ensures educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness.

It is the goal of Ashe County Schools to provide support and encouragement to those experiencing homelessness. Please feel free to contact your school counselor with any questions or concerns you may have.

## ***What is the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act?***

It defines “homeless children and youth” as “individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence” and lives in any of the following situations:

- Double up with family or friends due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason
- Shelters, motels, hotels, car, or campground
- On the street
- Unaccompanied youth who are living in circumstances listed above



*Regardless of your situation, Ashe County Schools will work with you to provide support and encouragement to your child and family to ensure a successful educational experience.*

## ***Emergency Shelters***

### **A Safe Home for Everyone**

626 Ashe Central School Road, Unit 2  
Jefferson, NC 28640  
336-982-8851

### **Hospitality House**

338 Brook Hollow Road  
Boone, NC 28607  
828-264-1237

## ***Emergency Food Pantries***

### **Ashe County Sharing Center, Inc.**

#### **Food Pantry**

115 Colvard Street  
Jefferson, NC 28640  
336-846-7109

### **Ashe Outreach Ministry**

Rob Brooks  
7719 NC Hwy 88 West  
Creston, NC 28615  
336-385-1314

### **Ashe Really Cares (ARC)**

204 Beaver Creek School Road  
West Jefferson, NC 28694  
336-846-5234

## ***Clothing, Utilities, Financial and Medical Services***

### **Goodwill**

1291 Mount Jefferson Road  
West Jefferson, NC 28694  
336-219-0244

### **Salvation Army Family Store**

926 US Highway 221 Business  
West Jefferson, NC 28694  
336-846-3338

## ***Clothing, Utilities, Financial and Medical Services***

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### **Ashe County Coalition for the Homeless**

PO Box 850  
Jefferson, NC 28640  
336-982-8857

### **Ashe County Department of Social Services**

#### Adult Services

150 Government Circle  
Jefferson, NC 28640  
336-846-5719

#### Children's Services

626 Ashe Central School Road, Unit 9  
Jefferson, NC 28640  
336-982-7800

### **Ashe County Free Clinic, Inc.**

225 Court Street  
Jefferson, NC 28640  
336-846-4649

### **Ashe County Health Department**

413 McConnell Street  
Jefferson, NC 28640  
336-246-9449

### **Ashe Memorial Hospital**

200 Hospital Avenue  
Jefferson, NC 28640  
336-846-7101

### **Ashe Pregnancy Care Center**

346 South Main Street  
Jefferson, NC 28640  
336-846-4100