



*We are here to help.*

The VUSD Foster & Homeless Youth Liaison is available to provide assistance with school supplies, bus passes and other resources. The Liaison can also provide guidance with laws pertaining to foster and homeless student rights and the school enrollment process.

Families are invited to contact:

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**Homeless & Foster Youth Liaison**

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**Foster & Homeless Youth Liaison**

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### **Solano County Resource and Referral Line** Call 211

### **Shelter & Housing**

**Resource Connect Solano- (707) 652-7311**

**Family Resource Center - (707) 469-6608**  
650 Merchant Street, Vacaville

**Health & Social Services - (707) 469-4500**  
1119 E. Monte Vista Avenue, Vacaville

**Opportunity House - (707) 447-1988**  
267 Bennett Hill Court, Vacaville

**Mission Solano - (707) 422-1011**  
740 Travis Boulevard, Fairfield

**Heather House - (707) 427-8566**  
724 Ohio Street, Fairfield

### **Food & Clothing**

**Family Resource Center - (707) 469-6608**  
650 Merchant Street, Vacaville

**Cal-Works Program H&SS and Cal-Fresh- (707) 469-4500**  
1119 E. Monte Vista Avenue, Vacaville

**Saint Mary's Church - (707) 447-2390**  
350 Stinson Avenue, Vacaville

**Vaca FISH – (707) 447-5482**  
40 Eldridge Street, Suite 9, Vacaville

**Vacaville Storehouse – (707) 454-0268**  
1146 E. Monte Vista Avenue, Vacaville

**Women, Infant & Children – (707) 469-4555**  
1119 E. Monte Vista Avenue, Vacaville

*Foster & Homeless  
Family Services*



401 Nut Tree Rd., Vacaville, CA 95688  
(707) 453-6155  
[www.VacavilleUSD.org](http://www.VacavilleUSD.org)

## Who is Considered Homeless?

Using the guidelines of the federal government's McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, a student is considered homeless if the student is:

- Lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence
- "Doubled up", meaning they are sharing housing with family or friends due to economic hardship, loss of housing, or other similar reason
- Living in an emergency or transitional shelter, motel, hotel, camp ground or trailer park due to lack of alternative accommodations
- Living in a public place not ordinarily used for sleeping (cars, parks, abandoned buildings, train/bus stations)

## Who is Considered Foster Youth?

Foster youth are children who have been placed with someone who is not their parent or legal guardian and for whom a state or county agency has care and placement responsibility.

Foster youth placements can include foster families, foster homes with relatives, group homes, residential facilities or institutions, or pre-adoptive homes. All youth in foster care have an assigned caseworker or social worker.



## Attendance = Success

*A child's education is the single most important factor influencing his or her future. Regular attendance at school helps students ensure their own success, build academic confidence and develop self-esteem. Parents and guardians are essential in helping students get to school so that they can learn and succeed alongside their peers.*

## VUSD Homeless & Foster Youth Services

Our Homeless and Foster Youth Services staff is here to assist our families and work as a liaison between students, parents, school and community agencies to help meet the educational, emotional and physical needs of students. Our services may include:

- Enrollment assistance and support, with or without required documentation
- Assistance for students to enroll or remain in their home school or school of origin
- Assistance with school records
- Free and/or reduced meals at school
- Special education services (if eligible)
- Transportation assistance – City Coach bus passes or VUSD transportation (if eligible)
- School supplies
- Assistance with basic needs
- Assist families in need of medical, dental and vision services
- Assistance with school-related expenses (PE uniforms, fieldtrips, cap & gown, etc.)
- After-school programs (available at specific K-6 locations)
- Connecting students and families to resources through referrals to district, city, county and private agencies
- Counseling/Mental Health services
- Fee waivers for ACT/SAT and some college applications



## VUSD Homeless & Foster Youth Program Objectives

Vacaville Unified is dedicated to the academic success of every student by:

### *Building Trust*

Through mutually respectful relationships between students, parents, teachers and other school staff

### *Maintaining Consistency*

In the educational setting for all homeless and foster students

### *Meeting Student Needs*

By understanding and addressing the educational and social needs of all homeless and foster students

### *Providing Equal Opportunities*

By offering equitable access to educational supports and extra-curricular activities

### *Creating Partnerships*

By treating students, parents/guardians and school staff as equal partners in the educational process