**Educational Rights**

**Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children (age 21 and younger) have the right to:**

* Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
* Attend either the local school or the school of origin, if this is in their best interest. The school of origin is the school the child attended when he/she was permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled.
* Receive transportation to and from school of origin.
* Enroll in school immediately, even if missing records and documents normally required for enrollment such as a birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records.
* Enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in all school activities while the school arranges for the transfer of records.
* Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students including transportation and supplemental educational services and activities.

**Community Support**

**Jefferson County Human Services**

General # 920-674-3105

**Jefferson County Rock River Free Clinic**

920-674-7275

**Jefferson County Housing Authority**

920-674-5294

**Community Action Coalition**

920-262-9667

**Bethel House**

262-473-2715

**Jefferson County Workforce**

920-674-7500

**Terra Staffing**

920-563-3301

**Diversified Personal Services**

920-563-6926

**Badger Care Plus**

920-674-7500

**Food Pantries**

Fort Atkinson: 920-563-9555

Jefferson: 920-674-6822

Whitewater: 262-473-9913

**People Against Domestic Abuse (PADA)**

920-674-6748

**Integrated Counseling Services**

Fort Atkinson: 920-563-4145

Lutheran Social Services: 920-563-9375

Jefferson Counseling Services: 920-674-3105

**Clothing – St. Vincent de Paul**

Fort Atkinson: 920-568-1266

Jefferson: 920-674-4546

Lake Mills: 920-648-2808

Watertown: 262-261-2691

**SCHOOL**

**DISTRICT OF**

**FORT ATKINSON**

**INFORMATION FOR**

**HOMELESS FAMILIES**



***Supporting the education of children and youth living in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing.***

**Who are the homeless?**

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH (UNDER AGE 21) LIVING IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:**

* In emergency or transitional shelters.
* In motels, hotels, trailer parks, campgrounds, abandoned in the hospital, or waiting foster care.
* In cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, abandoned buildings.
* Doubled up with relatives or friends.
* Migratory children living in these conditions
* In temporary or transitional foster care placement.

***Providing hope through learning!***



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**Services for Homeless**

**Students**

**Students age 21 and younger may be eligible to receive the following services:**

* Support from local district staff person homeless liaison
* Free school supplies
* Transportation
* Educational support
* Fee waivers
* Opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities

**Services for Homeless**

**Families**

* Opportunities to participate in the education of their children

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* Access to community resources for food, clothing, housing, medical information.
* Referral to local agencies.
* For needed school supplies, contact your child’s school Principal

**Where Can I Go For More Information and Assistance?**

For more information, please contact:

**Lisa Hollenberger**

Homeless Coordinator

920-563-7804

201 Park St

Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

[hollenbergerl@fortschools.org](mailto:hollenbergerl@fortschools.org)

National Center for Homeless Education

www.serve.org/nche

NCHE Helpline: 1-800-308-2145

U.S. Department of Education

[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

National Law Center for Homeless & Poverty

[www.nlchp.org](http://www.nlchp.org)

National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

[www.naehcy.org](http://www.naehcy.org)

For additional information, please contact the Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program at Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction;

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or [*Karen*](mailto:susan.piazza@dpi.wi.gov) *Rice* at 608-267-1284