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| **WHAT YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS NEED TO KNOW**   * Children and youth experiencing homelessness have a right to attend school. * Some unaccompanied youth may need to change where they stay frequently.   Transportation services to and from  school may be available for you.     * Youth experiencing homeless can stay in their school of origin or enroll in any public schools that students living in the same attendance area are eligible to attend, according to their best interest. * Youth experiencing homelessness may not be denied school enrollment just because school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available. * If there are any disagreements or disputes about your enrollment, contact the Community Resource Liaison. * Unaccompanied youth can participate in extracurricular activities and programs. Contact your school counselor for assistance. * Under section 480, unaccompanied youth have independent student status and will obtain assistance in filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the liaison to verify this status. | **WHO IS A HOMELESS  UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH?**  A school-aged person who is not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian and who lives in inadequate or temporary settings, such as:   * Doubled up with relatives who are not your legal guardian, * Staying with a friend or friend’s family, * In an emergency or transitional shelter, * In motels, hotels, campgrounds, * In cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, abandoned buildings.   The Bliss School District is committed to providing support for our students who are experiencing homelessness/temporary housing situations. We understand the challenges facing students experiencing transitional/temporary housing and have programs in place to make certain students have the resources necessary to continue their education. Our policies ensure that students are identified, enrolled and receive equitable access to high quality education and support services. The District has procedures in place to remove any barriers to accessing academic/ and or extracurricular activities.    Bliss McKinney-Vento  Homeless Liaison  Tracy Dalin  208-352-4445 | **A BROCHURE FOR**  **UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH**  **WHAT YOUTH NEED TO KNOW**    **FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE   Bliss School District #234   District Office:** 208-352-4445  Title lX-A Homeless Education,  Title l-D Neglected, Delinquent & At Risk  Suzanne M. Peck, Idaho State Department  Of Education PO Box 83720, 650 W State St  Boise, ID 83720  208-332-6904  [www.sde.idaho.gov/fereral-programs/homeless/index.html](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/fereral-programs/homeless/index.html)  Tracy Dalin-Bliss District Homeless Liaison  Tracy.dalin@bliss234.org  Emily Kamphaus-Bliss District School Counselor  Emily.kamphaus@bliss234.org |
| **RESOURCES**  **Bliss School District:**  **AS A HOMELESS UNACCOMPANIED**  **YOUTH, YOU CAN RECEIVE FREE**  **LUNCH, TRANSPORTATION**  **ASSISTANCE,** **SCHOOL SUPPLIES, ASSISTANCE FILLING OUT THE FAFSA**  **(Free Application for Federal Student Aid), AND COLLEGE AND CAREER COUNSELING.**  **Free breakfast and lunch for school age children provided to enrolled students:**  **Monday - Thursday when school**  **is in session.**  **Weekend Backpack Program:**  **Food given to children on Thursday**  **to sustain them if food is insecure**  **over the weekend.**  **Community Resources**  **Idalink.idaho.ogv**  **Healthcare Assistance**  **Food Assistance**  **Cash Assistance**  **Child Care Assistance**  Bao logo  **Telephone: 208-734-2610**  **Email:** [**info@wellnesstreeclinic.org**](mailto:info@wellnesstreeclinic.org)  **173 Martin St., Twin Falls, ID 83301**  **Medical, Dental, Mental & Chiropractic** | **Idaho Care Line Referral to medication/ medical resources. Spanish. 211 or 1-800-926-2588 idahocareline.org RxIdaho.org** **Helping Hearts and Hands** A Community Resource  for Gooding, County ID Phone Numbers (208) 934-5101 carole@hhandh.org  **Services**  * Community Food Pantry * "Food For Kids" Program * Emergency Assistance (limited) * Referrals * Classes and Education   **South Central Community Action Partnership**  http://www.sccap-id.org/files/2018/08/southcentrallogo.png**208-733-9351**  **Food Assistance**  **Homeless Assistance**  **Self Help Housing**  **Family and Individual Stability** | **HOTLINES And Misc.  Hays Youth Help Line operated by Hays Shelter Home 24 hour Hays Hotline for Youth in Crisis 322-2308 or 1-877-805-2308**  **Health and Welfare Child Protection Crisis line for reporting child abuse 334-5437**  **Idaho Careline 2-1-1 Referral to medication/ medical resources, community resources, child care, substance abuse, etc. Spanish. 211 or 1-800-926-2588**  **Idaho Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-669-3176**  **Idaho Housing and Finance Hotline (208)331-4877 1-866-432-4066**  **Idaho Suicide Prevention & Hotline (24 hour) 1-800-273-8255**  **National Alliance on Mental Illness Helpline 1-800 950-6264**  **National Child Abuse 24 hour Hotlines 1-800-4-A-CHILD**  **National Runaway 24 hour Hotline 1-800-786-2929 or 1-899-RUNAWAY**  **National Teen Dating Abuse Hotlines 1-866-331-9474**  **Rape Crisis Hotline (24 hr) 345-7273**  **Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 X 1** |