



In compliance with the federal [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](#), as reauthorized in 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Plum Borough School District attempts to identify all children within the district that may be experiencing homelessness. In efforts to continue to provide high-quality education and experiences to our Plum Borough families and students, please review the qualifying factors of individuals experiencing homelessness.

The term "homeless children and youth" is defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This includes individuals:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason;
- Living in a motel, hotel, trailer park or campground due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations or similar settings;
- Living in substandard housing (no running water or working utilities, infestations, etc.).

Children who are experiencing homelessness may qualify for assistance with free school lunch, school supplies/materials, tutoring, and transportation so that they can remain in their school of origin throughout the duration of their homeless episode.

If you believe you know of families or individual students that may qualify for this service, please contact any Social Worker in any school building or the Homeless/Foster liaison at bissj@pbsd.net.

For further information and guidance, please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education Basic Education Circular, [BEC - Education for Homeless Youth](#).

Community Resources

Shelters

**Allegheny Link	Website	1-866-730-2368	Allegheny Link will assess your eligibility for homeless support
Families First-Bridge to Independence	20 Holland Ave #412, Braddock, PA 1510	(412) 271-5731 bti@nb.net	For chemically dependent/dual diagnosis women with children
Goodwill- Healthy Start House	118 52nd Street Pittsburgh, PA 15201	(412) 481-9005	Rapid rehousing
Open Arms and Sankofa	6803 Frankstown Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15208	(412) 362-6503	Permanent housing: 2 year stay 1-3 bedroom units for 9 families
Soujourner House MOMS East/Sankofa	7056 Kelly Street Pittsburgh, PA 15208	(412) 661-9719	House and supportive services
YWCA Homewood-Brushton	6907 Frankstown Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15208	(412) 255-1165	Scattered site transitional/permanent housing for women and children

**all referrals go through Allegheny Link

[Pittsburgh's Community Action Agency Housing link](#)

Health

Allegheny County Immunization Clinic	Hartley-Rose Building 425 First Ave. 4th Fl. Pittsburgh, PA 15219	Monday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Wednesday: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm All services are available on a walk-in basis and no appointment is necessary.
Allegheny Pediatric Dental Program	Wander Building 339 Fifth Avenue McKeesport, PA 15132 Phone: 412-664-8858	Services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examinations • Cleanings • Fluoride treatments • X-rays • Cavity fillings • Primary tooth extractions • Dental sealants

Food Pantries

Plum Food Pantry	Holiday Park United Methodist Church 81 Sandune Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15239	First four Tuesdays of each month from 5:00-6:30PM
Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank	1 N. Linden St. Duquesne, PA 15110 (412) 460-3663	Backpack Program Produce to People Program
Rosedale Food Pantry	5501 Third Street Verona, PA 15147 (412) 302-2509	Distribution every Wednesday 5:00-7:30PM Closed on the 5th Wednesday of every month Every registered client can receive food up to twice a month

Educational Support

Students identified under McKinney- Vento will have access to educational support as outlined by the District's assessment and support services. Student attendance and grades are monitored by the District's Homeless Liaison and Social Workers.

Supports available:

- Review of attendance/grades
- DIBELS benchmarking in reading
- [Plum Digital Learning Academy- optional](#)
- [Extended Day Services](#)

Early Intervention/Head Start

[AIU3 Head Start](#)

[Head Start Application](#)

[Preschool Early Intervention Program](#)

[The Alliance for Infants and Toddlers](#)

[Alliance Contact Form](#)