Community Resources

Financial/Emergency Assistance
ABCD Bill Assistance: Community Offices
535 River Street, Mattapan 617.298.2045
554 Columbia Rd, Boston 617.267.7400
Food
Women Infants and Children 800-942-1007
The Greater Food Bank 617.427.5200
Preventive Food Pantry at BMC 617.414.3834
Heating & Energy
ABCD Heating and Fuel Assistance: 617.357.6012
Children & Families
Catholic Charities: 617.506.6600
Healthcare
Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center 617.822.5513
Codman Square Health Center 617.825.9660
Housing/Shelter
Suffolk MA Housing Assistance: 617.357.6012
ABCD: 617.357.6012
Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership, Inc. 617.425.6756
Immigrants
Agencia Alpha (617) 541-4455, x16
Greater Boston Legal Services 800-323-3205
Mental Health / Counseling
Boston Medical Center 617.638.8000
Children’s Hospital 617.355.6000
Home for Little Wanderers 888.466.3321
Boston-Suffolk Family Resource Center: 617.469.8501
Protective Services
Hyde Park Office: 617.363.5000
Dimock Street Office: 617.989.2800

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Education for Homeless Students

Academy of the Pacific Rim
Rights and supports for students who lack permanent and adequate housing.
Many families struggle to find adequate housing.

You are considered homeless if you live:

- In a shelter, motel or campground
- On the street or in a park
- With friends or relatives because you can’t afford housing
- In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate housing

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**Homeless Students Have Rights**

- **To go to school**, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there.
- **To enroll in school immediately.** Homeless students who move and choose to enroll in a new school will be immediately enrolled in classes, even if they do not have proof of residency, immunization records, school records, or other documents.
- **To stay in your original school or last school attended**, even if you move to another district. Homeless students have the right to stay in the school they attended prior to the loss of housing, or remain in the school they were last enrolled in, until the end of the school year, unless the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth chooses otherwise.
- **To receive transportation** to and from your original school district. The school will arrange transportation for homeless children and youth so that students can stay in the original school, even if they move to a different city, county, or school district.
- **To receive free breakfast and lunch** at school.
- **To receive regular communication** from the school. Information will be given to families in the language of the home upon request.
- **To participate in all activities** that the school sponsors both before and after school. The school will ensure transportation and enrollment in before and after school activities in all areas of interest.
- **To access services without fear of discrimination.** It is the school’s responsibility to ensure there is no segregation or stigmatization in participation of activities due to a student’s lack of permanent housing.
- **To receive all other educational and supplemental services** that all other students are provided.