

Services and Supports

Homeless Children & Families

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The public health crisis has caused hardship to many families in Cleveland, leaving many in need of support for basic necessities, including food and affordable housing. Assistance is available for families who are in shelter and for those staying doubled-up while their children are attending school.

In accordance with the federal McKinney-Vento Act, children and families are considered homeless if they do not have a “fixed,” regular and adequate nighttime residence, or are:

- living in a shelter, including emergency and transitional shelters for domestic violence and runaway/homeless youth shelters;
- living doubled-up with a friend, relative or someone else due to eviction, foreclosure, natural disaster or economic hardship;
- staying in a motel, hotel, trailer park or campground because they have nowhere else to go;
- staying in substandard housing;
- living in places not ordinarily used for sleeping, including cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings or bus/train stations;
- abandoned in a hospital;
- children and youth not living at home, who:
 - were asked to leave home by a parent/legal guardian.
 - left home without consent of parents (runaways).
 - are living doubled-up without a legal guardian due to economic reasons or due to lack of formal custody papers while parent(s) are incarcerated, hospitalized or in a rehabilitation center.

Only doubled-up families and unaccompanied youth are required to enroll by [clicking on this link](#).

School Supports for Homeless Children & Youth

Project ACT
216.838.0210

Monday – Friday | 8am–5pm

Coordinated Intake for Shelter
216.674.6700

Monday – Friday | 8am–8pm

Bellefaire for Unaccompanied Youth
216.570.8010 | After 5pm & on weekends

United Way
Dial 211 | 24/7 Hotline

Project ACT is a Cleveland Metropolitan School District program dedicated to supporting homeless children and families with support in every grade, including life skills coaches at select schools, referrals for counseling services, help with obtaining birth certificates, immunization records, medical coverage, food stamps and social security.

