

The Homeless Education Project

Eureka City Schools

"What homeless children need most of all is a home...but while they are experiencing homelessness, what they need most is to remain in school. School is one of the few stable, secure places in the lives of homeless children and youth-a place where they can acquire the skills they need to help them escape poverty." National Coalition for the Homeless 1998



Are you.....

•living in a motel? •living in a shelter or transitional house? •camping? •a runaway? •couch surfing? •on the streets? •in temporary foster care placement? •doubled up with another family?

Our mission is to ensure that all children and youth that are experiencing homelessness in our community, enroll, attend and succeed in school

IF YOU ARE A STUDENT or HAVE CHILDREN AGES 0-21, WE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- **Educational Liaisons-** Advocates who serve as liaisons between your family and the schools to support a positive and successful school experience. We also work to connect your family with community resources and services.
- **School registration-** For any Eureka City School you choose
- **Transportation-** We will arrange transportation for you/your child to and from the Eureka City School of attendance. Transportation is also available for parents to school meetings, Back to School nights, IEPs, and parental involvement opportunities
- **Tutoring/Mentoring-** The Homeless Education Project will work to get you/your child matched up with a tutor or mentor to be a buddy and help with schoolwork and homework.
- **Backpacks and School Supplies-** New backpacks filled with school supplies. We also provide school supplies needed throughout the school year.
- **Saturday Morning Read-a-Loud-** Every Saturday morning from 11:00- 1:00 at The Serenity Inn, there is a fun filled time with stories, snacks, and art activities. Your child is free to attend.
- **Clothing Vouchers-** Access to free clothing in the community.
- **Laminating Services-** We have a laminator for your use to help you maintain important documents while you or your family are in transition.
- **Laundry Vouchers-** To assist you with lice or in emergency situations, vouchers are available for soap, bleach and washing machines at local laundromats.
- **Shoe Vouchers-** We distribute vouchers for new school shoes from Payless ShoeSource in the Bayshore Mall.
- **Hygiene Supplies-** We can provide you with soaps, shampoo, feminine products, undergarments and toothpaste.
- **Mental Health Counseling-** Counseling is available to help homeless students deal with the stress associated with living in transition.
- **Housing-** the Homeless Education Project works to connect your family to the transitional housing and shelter programs of Eureka
- **Food-** We can help connect you to food stamps, the school free breakfast and lunch program, the local Food Bank, and Eureka's Free Meal. In times of additional need, we can give you access to our supplemental food closet at the Family Resource Center.

**Please come by the Family Resource Center at Trinity and "I" Streets
or call Maureen Chase at 441-2516**