HOMELESS INFORMATION

Homeless children and unaccompanied youth must have access to Public School education programs and services that allow them to meet the same challenging state academic standards.

Homeless children are entitled to free school lunch immediately upon enrollment and/or identified as homeless and potentially other services.

For school purposes, according to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, The definition for homeless is Children and youth as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This includes children and youth that are:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reasons.
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, campgrounds
- Living in emerging housing
- Awaiting foster placement
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, or other substandard housing
- If you feel your child may qualify as Homeless according to this Federal law definition, please contact:

Alex Kenealy/Homeless Liaison School District of Hartford Jt. #1 402 W Sumner Street Hartford WI 53027 262-673-8042 ext. 4112 kenealy@hjt1.org

She will help you pursue services.

- Example of services would include:
 - Waiver of school fees
 - Access to free/reduced lunch
 - School supplies
 - Transportation to/from school and current living arrangements
- 1. Outside Contacts:
 - Family Promise, 262-353-9304 (Telephone staffed Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.)
 - St. Vincent DePaul, 262-673-6980, located at 52 S. Main Street, Hartford.

Obtain more information through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction <u>https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless</u>.