

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:



In a shelter



In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation

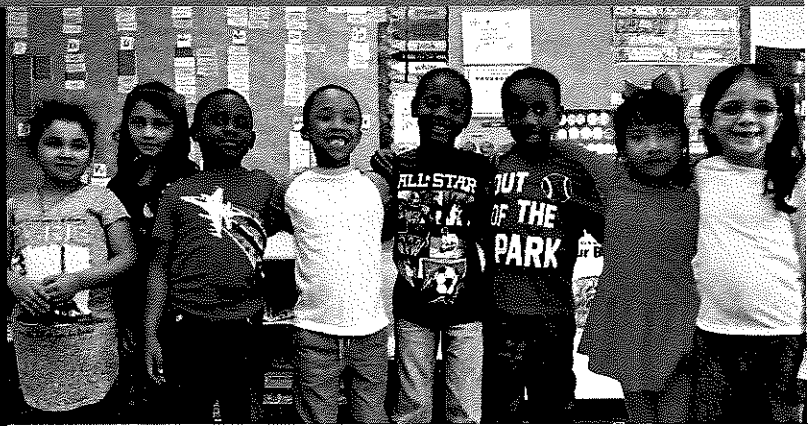


In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station



Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

*Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.*



## YOUR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference and is feasible.

*\* If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.*

- At your request receive transportation up to one hour to and from the school of origin.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.



**If you believe your children including preschool-age children may be eligible, contact the local homeless liaison to find out what services and supports may be available.**

*If you need further assistance with your children's educational needs, contact the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:*



(781) 338-3700



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# FoodSource Hotline: 1-800-645-8333

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Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline helps the most vulnerable populations in our state—elders, immigrants, and working poor families who struggle to gain access to SNAP because of stigma, confusion about eligibility, and difficulty navigating a complex application process.

## WHAT IS THE FOODSOURCE HOTLINE?

The FoodSource Hotline connects people struggling to put food on the table with SNAP benefits and other food resources in their communities. The Hotline answers over 16,000 calls from food insecure families and individuals across Massachusetts each year. The multilingual staff, complemented by able translators, can assist callers in over 160 languages.



*Our hotline counselors connect callers to emergency food resources in their area.*

In addition to calling the hotline, people in need can also reach hotline counselors by instant message through [www.gettingsnap.org](http://www.gettingsnap.org).

## FOODSOURCE HOTLINE SERVICES

- Screenings for SNAP/Food Stamp eligibility.
- Over-the-phone SNAP application assistance and follow up with applicants throughout the process.
- Referrals to community food programs.
- Informational resource for agencies who have specific SNAP regulation questions that are affecting their clients.
- General information to current SNAP recipients, applicants with pending applications, and those who are hesitant to apply.
- Referrals to other programs such as WIC, school meals, housing, and utility assistance.
- Information on the Healthy Incentive Program (HIP) and how to earn benefits.

## FOODSOURCE HOTLINE HOURS

- Monday - Friday: 8AM to 7PM
- Saturday: 10AM to 2PM