

## Educational Rights

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children age 21 and younger whose families are in transition 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 their preference and feasible. If the district believe the school selected is not in his/her best interest, then the district must provide the student with a written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to others students, according to the students' needs.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### **City of Hagerman**

575-752-3204

### **Fishes and Loaves CDC**

575-734-5758

### **American Red Cross of Chaves County**

575-622-4370

### **United Way of Chaves County**

575-622-4150

### **Hagerman Headstart**

575-748-1141

### **Chaves County Health Alliance**

575-208-8463

### **New Mexico Department of Health**

575-624-6050

### **Valley Health Clinic**

575-734-5817

### **Community Action Agency**

575-623-0014

### **Legal Aid**

575-623-9669

### **Region IV Housing Authority**

575-622-0881

### **Salvation Army**

575-622-8700

# Hagerman Municipal School District

## Information for Families in Transition



*Supporting the  
education of children  
and youth living in a  
temporary or  
inadequate living  
situation due to a loss of  
housing.*

# WHO ARE FAMILIES-IN-TRANSITION?

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## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH (UNDER AGE 21) LIVING IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:**

- In a shelter.
- In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station.
- Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship.
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless due to circumstances listed above.

### **MIGHT BE ABLE TO:**

Receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act.

# SERVICES FOR STUDENTS-IN-TRANSITION

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Students age 21 and younger may be eligible to receive help with the following services:

- School breakfast/lunch program
  - School supplies
  - Transportation
- Educational Support
  - School Fees
- Opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities

**If you believe your child is eligible for these services, please contact the Hagerman Municipal Schools Local Liaisons: Mark Lovas or Ileana Guzman at 575-752-2002.**

# Services for families

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Families of students who qualify may also have access to the following services:

- Opportunities to participate in the education of their children. These may include: special notices of events, parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, and access to student records.
- Access to community resources for things like food, clothing, housing, etc.
- Referral to local agencies
- Parent support groups and education

