Community Resources

Clothing
Holy Cross Day Shelter 559-450-7800
Catholic Charities 559-237-0851
Salvation Army 559-233-0138
Love Inc 559-224-9599

Food
Hope Lutheran Church (Tues) 559-439-4320
Catholic Charities 559-237-0851
Salvation Army 559-233-0138
Poverello House 559-498-6988
Love Inc 559-224-9599

Housing
Fresno Rescue Mission 559-444-0451
Housing Authority 559-443-8400
Marjaree Mason Center 559-233-4357
Sanctuary Youth Shelter 559-498-8543
Evangel Home 559-264-4714
Homeless Assistance 559-600-3987
559-600-5315

Additional Resources
Fresno County Dept of Soc. Srvcs. 559-488-1888
Fresno County EOC 559-263-1135
Holy Cross Day Shelter Clinic 559-237-3379
PG&E 800-820-4968
FUSD Health Services 559-457-3924
FUSD Parent University 559-457-6006
FUSD Special Education 559-457-3220

Website
http://www.fresnounified.org

Project ACCESS
Families & Students in Transition

Project ACCESS (Achievement in Core Curriculum for Equity and Student Success) serves schools, families and the community by providing support and advocacy that enable students to become college and career-ready graduates.
District Services
The McKinney-Vento Act defined homelessness as "lacking a fixed, regular, stable & adequate nighttime residence. Our program offers families & students who are in transition to apply for Project ACCESS services and receive upon meeting criteria.

Students in foster care automatically receive Project ACCESS services and have the right to remain at their school of origin if it is in the student’s best interest.

Project ACCESS currently has 12 Clinical School Social Workers and 2 Academic Counselors; that are assigned to all students who are enrolled within Project ACCESS to ensure their social emotional, academic needs are met and to provide additional support.

Rights
Foster/Homeless students have a right to attend and receive a free appropriate public education. Within FUSD Project ACCESS the department that can assist you with the following rights:

- Foster/Homeless students cannot be kept out of school if you lack required documentation for enrollment.
- If you lack permanent housing, a Project ACCESS Affidavit will have to be completed upon enrollment.
- Student has the right to remain at the school of origin. If student is homeless, they have the right to remain until the end of the school year. Unless student is in high school, they have the right to remain all four years.
- If you do not agree with the school placement of your child, you can file a dispute form.
- Public transportation assistance is available when the student resides outside of their school of origin boundaries.

Responsibilities
Parents be sure to inform your child’s school if there are any changes to your address. It is important that you notify the school and Project ACCESS immediately upon relocating.

Affidavits are required to be completed annually as they are only good for the current academic school year. Families will receive a reminder notification to resubmit if their status of housing has not changed.