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Specialty Clinical Social Worker

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2 Academic Counselors
12 Clinical Social Workers

Enroll-Attend-Succeed

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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. Svcs.	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>
<http://www.fresnou.org/dept/dpi>



Fresno Unified School District
Department of Prevention & Intervention

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 currently 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.

Project ACCESS Services

- Individual/Group Counseling
- Case Management
- School Supplies
- Bus Tickets, if eligible
- Referrals to Community Resources (clothing, food, shelter & housing assistance)
- Provides funding for extracurricular school activities

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.

For More Information about
Project ACCESS,
Call 559-457-3359

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.