

## **Educational Rights for Students Experiencing Homelessness**

Children and youth experiencing homelessness have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived here.
- Continue in the school they attended before they became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is the parents or youth's choice and is feasible.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before becoming homeless (school of origin).
- Enroll in school without a permanent address.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other document required for enrollment.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children or youths served in these programs.
- Attend school with children not experiencing homelessness; segregation based on a student's status as homeless is prohibited.

Policies regarding homelessness for Creston Elementary School are available on our website and paper copies will be provided upon request. (*Education for Homeless Children, Enrollment of Homeless Children, Uniform Complaint Procedure, Complaint Form.*)

Resources

### **On the Web:**

- National Association for the Education of Homeless Children & Youth (NAEHCY (<http://naehcy.org>))
- National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) 1-800-308-2145 (<http://naehcy.org>)
- Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) Homeless Assistance ([http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/#gpm1\\_7](http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/#gpm1_7))

### **Local Assistance:**

- Office of Public Assistance, 121 Financial Drive #A, Kalispell, (406) 751-5900
- Flathead County Child & Family, 121 Financial Dr #C, (406) 751-5950
- Samaritan House, 124 9<sup>th</sup> Ave W, Kalispell (406) 257-5801
- Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana, 214 S. Main St., Kalispell (406) 752-6565
- A Ray of Hope, 46 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. W, Kalispell (406) 755-4673

### **Healthcare for the Homeless**

- Flathead Community Health Center, 1035 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W, Kalispell