



# FIT (Families In Transition) Program

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## The Federal McKinney-Vento Act

### Nassau Community Resource

#### Guide:

[Nassau.florida.health.gov](http://Nassau.florida.health.gov) Then, go to Popular Programs & Services.

#### Need a job?

[Careersourcenorth-eastflorida.com](http://Careersourcenorth-eastflorida.com)

Who is eligible to receive help under the McKinney-Vento (MV) Act? School students who have lost housing and now live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, campground, or temporary trailer; on the street; doubled-up with family or friends; or in another type of temporary or inadequate housing because of loss of housing are eligible to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act.

What rights do eligible students have under the MV Act? Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children and youth in homeless situations have the right to: go to school (no matter where they live or how long they have lived there), attend either the local school or the school of origin (if this is in their best interest) and receive transportation comparable to housed students, enroll in school immediately (even if they are missing records or other documents normally required for

enrollment), attend classes and participate fully in all school activities while the school gathers records, and have access to the same programs and services that are available to other students. MV students who obtain housing in another school zone are allowed to stay in their school to finish the year, but are not provided with transportation. Feel free to call Angie McClellan with issues pertaining to Attendance, Academics & other school-related needs.

## Nassau County's Additional Services

### FREE CLOTHES-

FIT students, their families, & host families are welcome to come to the Clothes Closet for free clothes. It is open on Mondays (except for school holidays) from noon until 6pm. It is located at 86207 Felmor Road in Yulee (the same building as the Health Dept.'s Dental Clinic.) You may also request to have items sent to your student at school by calling and giving size and preference information. Please return unwanted items for others to enjoy. Your family may shop once each month and choose up to 5 outfits each. (There are limits.) Toiletries are also often available.

FOOD SERVICE- Upon confirmation of eligibility and enrollment in the FIT program, students receive free breakfast and lunch without completing additional applications.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES- FIT students will be provided with available school supplies upon request by parents and teachers.

AR (Accelerated Reader) Library- The most important "homework" that your child can do to ensure success in school is to become a better reader. Becoming a better reader requires daily practice at your child's independent reading level. You or your child's teacher may request books for your child. (Please supply your child's current AR level.) The books should be returned when completed (if possible) for others to enjoy. At times, rewards can be made available for meeting predetermined reading goals.

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS- Community donations are sought by the Liaison and are used for payment of school-related needs (as funds are

available) for field trips (\$25 limit per year unless used as a reward for academic/behavior plan), High School Senior expenses, and other academic needs. Please call Angie McClellan to discuss your student(s)' needs.

Tutoring may be available. Contact Angie McClellan to discuss the need.

Students are enrolled in the FIT program for one school year. Re-enrollment is required for the new school year and is based on the current living status.

Found housing outside of the current school zone? Students are allowed to remain in their school for the remainder of the year. Transportation is possible through the school system, but takes time to coordinate. Call the Liaison immediately to begin the process.

## If you are moving, remember to:

Try to move at the end of a grading period or school year, inform your child's school of your plans, allow your child to say good-bye to friends and teachers, ask for a copy of your child's school records, discuss with the Homeless Liaison the possibility of keeping your child in the same school, and, if transferring, enroll your child in the new school ASAP.

Your child has the right to finish the school year in the same school, even after housing is found.

Your child needs to be in school every school day!

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