

Internet Resources for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

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Need help getting to School?

If your family lives in any of the following situations:

- ◆ In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- ◆ On the street
- ◆ In an abandoned building, trailer, or inadequate accommodations, or
- ◆ Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

You have a right to go to school and your local school district can help you!

Transition Education Program (TEP)

Madison Metropolitan School District

Intake Center (PreK-12)

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What is the Transition Education Program (TEP)?

The mission of TEP, which is sponsored by the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD), is to provide homeless children and youth equitable access to educational opportunities afforded "housed" children. Services include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Direct instruction
- ◆ Academic screening
- ◆ Advocacy
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ School supplies
- ◆ Resource development
- ◆ Staff development
- ◆ Community education about homelessness and mobility
- ◆ Coordination with community services

The goal is to have all homeless students meet the high academic, behavioral and attendance expectations of MMSD. Emphasis is placed on overcoming all barriers that prevent homeless children from being successful.

Who is Eligible for TEP?

Homeless families who reside within MMSD have choices about their children's educational program. Families who are new to Madison may choose to have their elementary aged children attend regular classes at one of MMSD's three TEP school sites: Emerson, Lapham, or Marquette Elementary. Other families often choose to have their children attend their current or neighborhood school. Middle and high school aged children are also eligible for TEP.



Program Components

- ◆ Family focused school enrollments
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Regular classroom placement
- ◆ One on one or small group instruction
- ◆ School supplies
- ◆ Special education options
- ◆ Full day kindergarten program
- ◆ Classroom teacher support
- ◆ Community/ classroom awareness programs
- ◆ Counseling and advocacy
- ◆ Transition into new school(s)
- ◆ Breakfast, lunch and snacks
- ◆ Small group social activities
- ◆ Chapter I /Title I
- ◆ Assistance with health clinics, preschool and Head Start
- ◆ Referrals to community agencies
- ◆ Family/personal hygiene supplies
- ◆ School attendance monitoring
- ◆ Summer school program
- ◆ CASPER: after school program



CASPER

Collaborative After School Program of Education and Recreation

CASPER is sponsored by the Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR). Students in TEP in grades K-5 and who are currently homeless are eligible for this program.

The program offers various activities:

- ◆ Sports
- ◆ Games
- ◆ Arts and crafts
- ◆ Scouting
- ◆ Reading
- ◆ Field trips
- ◆ Computer use
- ◆ Homework club

The program is available after school at Lapham, Marquette and Emerson schools and transportation is provided.