

How to Help

If you would like to make donations to support our families in transition, please consider the following needs and contact the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Office for the liaison.

Hygiene Items
Clothing (All Genders & Seasons)
Household Supplies
Food/Snacks
School Supplies



Can you choose the child who is “in transition”?

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Families in Transition Contacts

Families in Transition Liaison

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**TAYLOR COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAMILIES IN
TRANSITION PROGRAM**

**Providing Support for
Children in Transition**

(850) 838-2500



Who is “In Transition”

According to the federal law McKinney-Vento Act of 1987, a family is considered in transition if they and their children lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence:

- Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.
- Living in motels, hotels, temporary travel trailers, and campgrounds due to a lack of adequate alternative accommodations
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Living in a public or private place not designed for humans to live
- Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, etc.

Rights of Children and Youth “In Transition”

Children and youth “in transition” have the following educational rights as outlined under the McKinney-Vento Act:

- Immediate school enrollment and attendance, even without a birth certificate, school records, immunization, or a health physical
- Remain in their school of origin or enroll in their neighborhood school for the duration of the current academic school year
- Transportation to and from school
- Receive complimentary breakfast and lunch
- Help for prompt resolution about school placement, including special education, bilingual education, gifted, and remedial programs

What other support services can my child receive?

In addition to services required under the McKinney-Vento Act, your child may be able to receive the following services through the Taylor County Families in Transition Program:

- Free school supplies and backpacks
- Academic services, including tutoring and advocacy.
- Referrals to community services
- Assistance in obtaining school records, immunization, and school physicals

How do I get more information or Help?

The school district has a Families in Transition Liaison who can assist you and your child with resources and needs that are geared to help your child be successful at school.



Taylor County Families in Transition Goals

Identify and assist children and youth in transition to immediately enroll in school

Assist children and youth in identifying and eliminating barriers to school enrollment and attendance

Provide the educational support needed to our children and youth who are “in-transition”, allowing them the opportunity to be academically successful and participate fully in all aspects of their education

