

## Community Resources

**For immediate shelter needs, call 211 and ask to be referred to the SPA 8 Family Solutions Center**

Harbor Interfaith Services  
San Pedro (310) 831-0589

### **Youth Shelters**

1736 Family Crisis Center  
Runaway/Homeless Youth Emergency Shelter  
Hermosa Beach (310) 379-3620

Casa Youth Shelter  
Los Alamitos (714) 995-8601

Huntington Youth Shelter  
Huntington Beach (714) 842-6600

### **Food/Clothes/Referrals**

Emergency Shelter Hotline  
(800) 548-6047

Rainbow Services  
San Pedro (310) 547-9343

Salvation Army—Stillman Sawyer Family Center  
Torrance (310) 835-1986

St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church  
Torrance (310) 323-8900

House of Yahweh  
Lawndale (310) 675-1384

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Gardena (310) 676-8804

His Helping Hands  
Lomita (310) 326-2757

St. Margaret Mary's Christian Services  
Lomita (310) 326-3364

For additional resources, call 211 or  
(800) 339-6993

## Community Partners

Los Angeles County Office of Education  
South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness  
Family Promise of the South Bay  
Assistance League of South Bay  
Community's Child  
School on Wheels, Inc.  
Harbor Interfaith Services  
Laundry Love  
The Midnight Mission



## Need assistance or have questions?

**Please call:**

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**Torrance Unified  
School District**  
Student Services

## Homeless and Foster Youth Education Program



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## Who is Homeless?

The federal government's legal definition of homelessness based on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is anyone who is...

- Lacking a regular, fixed and adequate nighttime residence
- “Doubled up” with family or friends because of loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason
- Living in a shelter, hotel or motel
- Living in a public place not designed for sleeping (cars, parks, abandoned buildings)
- A child who is not in the physical custody of their parent or legal guardian
- A child or youth abandoned in a hospital
- A migrant child who qualifies under any of the above

## Who is a Foster Youth?

- Foster youth are children placed away from their parent(s) or guardian(s) and for whom the State agency has placement and care responsibility.
- This includes, but is not limited to, placements in foster family homes, foster homes of relatives, group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities, child care institutions, and pre-adoptive homes
- All children in foster care have a county caseworker. In Los Angeles County, the agency is the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Other counties have different agency names, but provide the same services.

## TUSD Program Goals

- Support and meet the educational needs of students in homeless, temporary, transitional housing, or foster care situations
- Maintain consistency of the educational process
- Provide the same educational opportunities to students in homeless, temporary, transitional housing, or foster care situations as other students receive
- Engage parents, students, school, and community as full partners in the educational process of students in homeless, temporary, transitional housing, or foster care situations
- Provide a connection between school and home

*School offers children stability, friendship, and opportunities to learn and grow in a safe environment. School also offers children a chance for better jobs, better pay, and a better future. Keep your children in school!*



## TUSD Program Services

- Serve as a liaison between school, parents, students, and community agencies to meet the educational needs of students
- Connect students and families to district and community resources
- Provide enrollment information and support, with or without required documents
- Assistance for children to remain in their home school
- Free and/or reduced meals
- Special education services (if eligible)
- Transportation services (if eligible)
- Tutoring
- Assistance to English learners
- Gifted or talented programs
- Summer school programs (when available)
- Before and after-school programs (when available)
- Pre-school programs (when available)
- Dispute resolution
- School supplies
- Individual and group counseling

### \*\*\***IMPORTANT**\*\*\*

The services and/or goods provided by TUSD **DO NOT have to be reported** to welfare, food stamps, DPSS, CalFresh, CalWorks, GAIN, WIC, Medi-Cal, or ANY other program or agency!