\*This form is not an eligibility determination document, it is for supporting students once they are eligible. For help determining eligibility, use the [McKinney-Vento screener template](https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/Sample%20Housing%20Information%20Form_0.doc). This is also not the [Best Interest Determination Form](https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/An-Interview-Checklist-For-Supporting-School-Selection-Parents.pdf).\*

*This is a confidential form to go through together so we can better support you in your educational goals. It should only take a few minutes. You can share as much or as little as you want and can skip questions too.*

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| **Student Name** |  |
| **Date** |  |
| **Staff completing form** |  |
| **Student’s preferred method of contact** |  |

*What are your/your child’s educational goals?*

*What challenges make it difficult to achieve these goals?*

*What do you/they enjoy about school?*

*What are your/their strengths and interests?*

*Do you have an adult you can trust? Who is that person?*

*There is one question that may not be confidential and that is this one. As a school employee, I am a mandated reporter. That means if I’m concerned about you experiencing abuse or neglect* ***right now where you are staying,*** *I am required to report it to the Department of Health and Human Services.*

*Are you currently safe where you are staying?*

*The school has a lot of resources available for students who are in-between places. Let’s go through this list together and see if there’s anything that would be helpful. None of this will be shared with anyone besides me unless you give me permission to make referrals or follow up.*

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| **Need** | **Notes** | **Referrals (short term / long term) / Allowable expense under McKinney-Vento? ARP-HCY? / Local resources, or 211** |
| Clothing | For school, winter, PE, uniforms, shoes, Sizes? | Local clothing closets |
| Food | What's your cooking situation?  Preferences? Allergies? | Free meals at school  Local food pantries, churches, soup kitchens  DHHS food stamps (EBT)  General assistance vouchers |
| Hygiene | Access to showers, laundry?  Deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, lotion, shampoo, razor, shaving cream, nail clippers, sanitary products, PPE (masks, sanitizer) | School showers  School laundry facilities  General assistance vouchers |
| Transportation to/from school, extracurriculars, summer school | Bus pass, mileage reimbursement, taxi, rideshare? |  |
| Are you able to get enough sleep? Are you able to stay awake in class? | Couch for study hall, after school? Bedding, pillows, earplugs? |  |
| Connections to this school- do you know anyone here yet? Can I introduce you to some students? | See youth checklist from Count ME In |  |
| School supplies | Backpack, pencils, notebooks, laptop, headphones, phone? |  |
| Internet access | Wifi option where currently staying, public library access? |  |
| Records transfer | Previous schools attended: |  |
| Attaining documents | Immunization records, birth certificate, driver’s license |  |
| Medical (Unaccompanied Homeless Youth can consent to own medical care-see below) | Medication? | School nurse  Local clinics |
| Dental |  | Local free clinics |
| Mental Health |  | Statewide Behavioral Health Navigator – awithers@penquis.org |
| Substance Use |  | Statewide Behavioral Health Navigator – awithers@penquis.org |
| Housing | Youth shelter, family shelter, domestic violence, host home | MaineHousing  General Assistance  Preble Street  Shaw House  New Beginnings |
| Legal | Emancipation, immigration | Pine Tree Legal Assistance  Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project |
| Tutoring |  | Gateway Community Services |
| Mentoring |  | Gateway Community Services  Maine Youth Action Board |
| Special Education |  |  |
| Extracurriculars, sports |  |  |
| Resources for parenting/pregnant/caregiving youth.  Do you have younger siblings? This program is for anyone PK-grade 12. | Childcare, prenatal care | Preble Street  Head Start, Early Head Start  Public PK programs |
| College/career exploration | FAFSA for unaccompanied youth | Local Career Center  CTE Programs  Gateway Community Services |

*Do you give me permission to make referrals to the agencies listed above on your behalf? Or would you rather have their contact information and connect with them on your own?*

Reminders for Unaccompanied Youth: (McKinney-Vento student not in the physical custody of legal parent/guardian)

*Students in your situation have additional rights. This includes the right to file for financial aid for college as an independent student, and the right to consent to your own medical care, even if you’re under 18. Both of these require a document from the school, explaining that you are an unaccompanied youth (which just means you’re currently not living with a parent/legal guardian). Would it be helpful for me to get you a copy of that document?*

References for liaisons:

The McKinney-Vento Act requires school district homeless liaisons to inform unaccompanied homeless youth of their status as independent students for financial aid and help them obtain verification of that status. (College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-84))

A minor may give consent to all medical, mental, dental and other health counseling and services if the minor is living separately from parents or legal guardians and is independent of parental support. The minor may prove that status with documentation including, but not limited to a written statement from a nonprofit homeless services agency, local educational agency McKinney-Vento homeless liaison, or attorney. (Me. Rev. Stat. §22:1503)