

Please Refer to these Resources for Assistance

Homeless Information:

- **[McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](#)**
- **[The National Center for Homeless Education](#)**
- **[Topics Related to the National Center for Homeless Education](#)**
- **[Supporting the Success of Homeless Children and Youths](#)**
 - **[During COVID](#)**
- **[Parent Brochure:](#)**

If your family is in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing, your child might be eligible for certain educational rights and services.
- **[PA Department of Human Resources](#)**
- **[How to Apply for Medical Assistance](#)**
- **[HUD](#)**
[Portal for HUD](#)

HUD Definition for Homelessness – Living in a place not meant for human habitation, on the street, or an emergency shelter or safe haven. Fleeing domestic violence. Staying in a hotel paid for with public funds. Facing the loss of housing within 7 days and lacking support to find another place.

- [Housing/Shelter Information](#)
- [Salvation Army](#)

Beaver County Resources:

- [Beaver County Resource Guide:](#)
- [Families Matter Food Pantry](#)
- [Need Help Paying Bills?:](#)
The first place you should turn to for help in Beaver County Pennsylvania is the **Community Services Program of Beaver County**. They are the local community action agency, and they can provide people access to services they offer, and they can also refer people to other local charities as well as government programs
 - [LIHEAP](#) The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

- **The Community Services Program** of Beaver County is part of a nationwide community services network. This network is made up of more than 1,150 local, private and non-profit and public agencies that work to eliminate poverty and empower low-income people and families in communities throughout the United States.
- **The Franklin Center of Beaver County:** The Franklin Center of Beaver County facilitates access to life-changing opportunities for the low-income, the underserved and those in need.
Call 724.846.6400 ext. 34 Mondays through Fridays for an appointment with our Homeless Assistance Coordinator. Proof of income, photo ID, and social security cards for everyone in the household, eviction notice, or utility shut-off notice is required for assistance. Our Homeless Assistance Program location is in The Cornerstone, 1217 Seventh Avenue, 2nd Floor Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Beaver County Collaborative Action Network (BCCAN) Our Program serves as a valuable information and referral source to assist individuals and organizations. Funding for the BCCAN comes primarily from a grant from Beaver County Children & Youth Services.

- **211 Program**

PA 2-1-1 Southwest connects people with community, housing, health and disaster services through a free, 24/7, confidential phone service and searchable online database.

- **[The Corner Stone Program](#)**: is a central access to Beaver County resources, committed to providing reliable information and services to community. *“Connecting people with resource that will improve their lives.”*

- **[Mental Health Resources \(Beaver County System of Care\)](#)**
 - **Not sure where to start? Call 724-847-6225 and ask for a Drug and Alcohol (D&A), Intellectual Disability (ID), or Mental Health (MH) Specialist.**
 - **UPMC/Beaver County Crisis#: 1-800-400-6180 (Available 21/7)**

- **[Beaver County Behavioral Health \(BCBH\)](#)**
 - **1040 Eighth Avenue
Beaver Falls, PA 15010
784.891.2877
Toll-Free: 1.800.318.8138**
 - BCBH is charged with the responsibility to encourage a seamless system of care that is accessible, continuously available, and emphasizes health promotion, prevention, early

intervention, resiliency, recovery, and rehabilitation. Contact us for services, information, and linkage for persons with mental health, intellectual disability, or drug and alcohol concerns.

- **[Life Steps:](#)**

Provides free services for qualifying families through the Lifesteps Family Support Program. All families must meet qualification set by Beaver County Children and youth Services.

- **[Woman's Center of Beaver County:](#)**

Since 1976, Victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence have found the help and hope they need at the Women's Center of Beaver County. The Center is there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **Call the HELPINE at (724) 775-0131**

- **[Affordable Internet/Internet Essential from Comcast](#)**

- **[Affordable Connectivity Program](#)**

If you have any other questions or concerns, please call Freedom Area School District's Homeless Liaison, Ms. Rita Kaplin, at 724-775-7400 Ext. 542 or

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Thank you,
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