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<p>Georgetown ISD Homeless Education</p> <p>Administers McKinney-Vento (Homeless Education Act); qualifies students; provides services as required by law.</p> <p>http://www.georgetownisd.org/programs/fedprograms/homeless.htm</p>	<p>McKinney-Vento services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *ability to stay in same school they last attended before becoming homeless *transportation to and from last school attended before becoming homeless *school enrollment without providing proof of residency *ability to enroll and attend class while school arranges transfer and/or receipt of immunization and school records needed for enrollment *free and reduced breakfast and lunch program <p>Local districts may, but are not required, to provide other</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Children and youth must be qualified as homeless under McKinney-Vento guidelines through GISD.</p> <p>Lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *sharing housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship; living in motels/hotels, trailer parks, campgrounds, emergency or temporary shelters, hospitals or awaiting foster care placement *having a 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Family Specialist, GISD Homeless Education Zelinda Richards richardsz@georgetownisd.org 512-943-5000, Ext. 6046 512-677-2759-cell</p>

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	<p>support services such as tutoring, counseling, after-school care, Pre-K, etc. Georgetown ISD, with assistance from various community organizations, does provide homeless students with many support services and resources.</p>	<p>primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not ordinarily used as regular sleeping for human beings</p> <p>*living in cars, parks, public spaces, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings</p> <p>*migrating or transitioning from place to place and not in residence with a legal guardian</p> <p>Approx. 200-250 students/year</p>		
<p>Eagle Locker</p> <p>Student-led service learning project in GISD serving students in need, including homeless students. Eagle Lockers now located on six GISD campuses, including:</p> <p>*Georgetown High School</p>	<p>Eagle Locker services include:</p> <p>Campus-based support for students during school day,</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>GISD homeless students and students in need.</p>	<p>Yes- to GISD students.</p>	<p><u>Eagle Locker Student Advisor Kelly Smith, GISD Secondary Physical Education Coord.</u> smithke@georgetownisd.org 512-943-1800, Ext. 8113</p> <p>Sun City Community Advocate</p>

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<p>*Ninth Grade Center *Benold, Forbes and Tippit Middle Schools *GAP Campus</p> <p>Serves students from bell to bell. Does not serve families. Started 2008 by student athletes, physical education students, student athletic trainers, and teen leadership students at GHS and 9th Grade Campus.</p> <p>http://www.eaglelocker.org</p>	<p>including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Snacks *Clothing *School Supplies *Towels *Hygiene Items *Gift Cards *Community Awareness *Community Fundraising 			<p>John Copelan 512-864-7731</p> <p><u>Eagle Locker Student President</u> Michael Lindsay</p>
<p>Aisle 1</p> <p>Student-led service project at Georgetown High School serving all students in need, including homeless students, and their families. Started 2007 by GHS students in Shelly Hesson's Sociology class.</p> <p>http://www.georgetownisd.org/ghs/HessonS</p>	<p>Aisle 1 services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Groceries *Clothing *Hygiene Items *Sleeping Bags *Towels *Laundry Care Products *Pet Care Products *Food Drives 	<p>Yes</p> <p>4-5 families served per week.</p>	<p>Yes-</p> <p>Through Aisle 1 in Room #205 South Hall, GHS</p>	<p>Aisle 1 Student Advisor Shelly Hesson, Social Studies Teacher, GHS hessons@georgetownisd.org 512-943-5000, Ext. 7077</p> <p>Located in South Hall of Georgetown High School, Room #205</p>
<p>Backpack Buddies</p> <p>Community initiative designed to meet the needs of chronically hungry children at times when other resources are not available, such as weekends and school holidays. Backpack Buddies is a national program implemented locally through the Chisholm Trail Communities Foundation and Georgetown Ministerial Alliance.</p>	<p>Backpack Buddies services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Backpacks filled with healthy food for needy children 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Program serves needy children Grades K-5 in these elementary</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Contact counselors at school sites served by the program.</p>	<p><u>Chisholm Trail Communities Foundation</u> 512-863-4186 friends@chisholm-trail.org</p> <p><u>Local Contact</u> John Carnes</p>

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<p>More than 100 communities in America have this program.</p> <p>http://chisholm-trail.org/Back_Pack_Buddies_1.html</p>	<p>on weekends or school holidays</p> <p>*11 Churches Participating</p> <p>* Food comes from Capital Area Food Bank and local donations</p> <p>*Schools identify needy children</p>	<p>schools:</p> <p>*Williams</p> <p>*Purl</p> <p>*Carver</p> <p>*Mitchell</p> <p>*McCoy</p> <p>281 students served</p>		<p>240-4027</p>
<p>The Caring Place</p> <p>Local nonprofit organization serving human needs in Georgetown and Williamson County. Emergency assistance for families in crisis. Crisis must be documented.</p> <p>http://www.caringplacetx.org</p>	<p>The Caring Place assists families in the following way:</p> <p><u>Emergency Financial Assistance (once in a 12-month period):</u> *Rent</p> <p>*Utilities</p> <p>* Medical Expenses</p> <p>*Temporary Shelter</p> <p>*Transportation</p> <p>* Other Services</p> <p><u>Non-Financial Assistance:</u></p> <p>*Food Pantry (four-day supply/once in a</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Documentation must be provided to prove crisis.</p> <p>Financial Assistance is through appointment only.</p> <p>No appointment needed for non-financial assistance.</p> <p>Coats for Kids serves 0-18 years of age and application is</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p><u>Executive Director</u> John Stock 512-869-4735, Ext.223</p> <p><u>Director of Community Engagement</u> Rita Turner 512-869-4735, Ext. 231</p> <p><u>Director of Programs/Services</u> Lori Frasco 512-869-4735, Ext. 224</p>

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	<p>30-day period)</p> <p>*Feeding Programs such as Fresh Food for Families (fresh produce every 1st, 3rd & 5th Monday) and HOPE (supplemental groceries for seniors)</p> <p>*Clothing (once in a six-month period)</p> <p>*Transient Food Packages</p> <p><u>Annual Programs:</u></p> <p>*Coats for Kids</p> <p>*Christmas Food Distribution</p> <p>*Coats for Kids</p> <p><u>Support Case Management:</u></p> <p>*Informal Counseling</p> <p>*Budgeting, goal-setting and other</p>	<p>required.</p>		

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<p>The Georgetown Project</p> <p>Local nonprofit organization mobilizing collaborative community partnerships to build a healthy community where all children and youth thrive.</p> <p>Hope for the Homeless initiative officially started in 2007, but the organization has been paying attention to the issue since 2000 and in 2005, adolescent homelessness became an organizational priority.</p> <p>http://www.georgetownproject.com</p>	<p>TGP services span the developmental stages, and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Bridges To Growth Parent Center (early childhood & parents) *Kid City Summer Food & Enrichment Program partnership with GISD & City of Georgetown (elementary children) *After School Action Program Partnership with GISD (middle school children) *Guiding Healthy Choices (high school youth) *Community Interaction Partnership with 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Students must be certified as homeless by GISD under the McKinney-Vento legislative mandates.</p> <p>Served 272 homeless students in GISD in 2009-10 school year.</p> <p>Current number is 182.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Qualified through GISD.</p> <p>Funds and services provided by The Georgetown Project.</p>	<p><u>Executive Director</u> Leslie Janca janca@georgetownproject.com 512-943-5198</p>

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	<p>Southwestern University (college students) *Hope for the Homeless (all ages and their families) *TGP Collaborative for Children & Youth (community partners)</p> <p><u>Hope for the Homeless services:</u> *GSD fiscal partner in raising funds to support basic needs for homeless students and their families. *Raise awareness in community. *Open Eagle's Nest, a transitional shelter (drop-in center) for teens in 9th-12th Grades qualified as homeless by</p>			

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	GISD and in transitional living situations.			
<p>Assistance League of Georgetown Area</p> <p>A philanthropic, nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to helping those in need within our community. Approximately 80 members.</p> <p>http://www.algeorgetownarea.org</p>	<p>Services include:</p> <p><u>Operation School Bell</u> *New school clothing, shoes and hygiene kits to needy children in Florence, Georgetown and Jarrell ISDs.</p> <p><u>New Friends</u> *Monthly birthday parties for residents in Alzheimer’s Unit of Wesleyan Retirement Home.</p> <p><u>Reading And More</u> *Mentoring and reading programs for 2nd & 3rd Grade students in Jarrell.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>1,05 students in Georgetown, Florence and Jarrell were served through Operation School Bell.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Homeless students in GISD are served through Operation School Bell as identified by campus counselors.</p>	<p><u>Assistance League of Georgetown Area</u> 512-864-2542 president@algeorgetownarea.org</p> <p><u>Thrift Shop</u> 603 West University Suite 112 512-864-2542</p>

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<p>STARRY Round Rock (part of Children at Heart Ministries) Supports children, youth and parents in crisis.</p> <p>http://www.starryonline.org</p>	<p>*Counseling Services limited to 180 days every calendar year *Child Abuse Prevention *Crisis Intervention *Parenting *Emergency Shelter *Foster Care *S.A.F.E. (Shelter Alternatives & Family Empowerment) *Mentoring</p> <p>Services are free Intake Within 7 Days No Waiting List for Non-Crisis Services</p> <p>SAFE Program provides shelter up to 21 days for runaway and homeless youth while working on family reunification and alternative living</p>	<p>Yes, 0-17 years of age (non-CPS must have parent involvement)</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Although STARRY is located in Round Rock, GISD homeless youth can access the shelter and all services.</p>	<p><u>S.A.F.E. Program</u> Toniya Parker Toniya.parker@starryonline.org 512-246-4303</p> <p><u>STARRY Headquarters</u> 512-388-8290</p> <p><u>Counseling</u> 512-388-8290 Crisis Hotline 800-440-9789</p> <p><u>Emergency Shelter</u> 512-246-4276</p> <p><u>Foster Care</u> 512-246-4229</p> <p><u>Crisis Hotline</u> 888-206-4579</p>

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	arrangements.			

Gaps In Services for Georgetown Children, Youth & Families Experiencing Homelessness:

- 1. Local shelter (both teen and family).**
- 2. Foster families to provide temporary or emergency shelter/homes for unaccompanied youth in transitional living situations (couch surfers).**
- 3. Basic needs funding.**
- 4. Affordable housing.**
- 5. Public transportation to access services and get to work.**