

## Our Mission

To provide educational opportunities that enable homeless students and unaccompanied youth to achieve academic success, and connect families with resources that support school and family stability.

### RESOURCES

- ◆ Salem/Keizer Instructional Services  
[www.salkeiz.k12.or.us/content/instructional-services](http://www.salkeiz.k12.or.us/content/instructional-services)
  - ◆ Salem Housing Authority 503.588.6368
  - ◆ ARCHES Day Center/Transitional Housing 503.399.9080
  - ◆ Salem Interfaith Hospitality 503.370.9752
  - ◆ Salvation Army 503.585.6688
  - ◆ Salem Outreach Shelter 503.588.8898
  - ◆ Union Gospel Mission (men shelter) 503.362.3983
  - ◆ Simonka Place (women & children shelter) 503.362.7487
  - ◆ HOME Youth & Resource Center 625 Union St.  
503.391.6428 [www.homeyouthcenter.org](http://www.homeyouthcenter.org)
  - ◆ NW Human Services HOST –Youth Shelter 503.588.5825  
Transitional Living Program for Teens 503.361.0380
  - ◆ Helping Hands Resources 503.364.9936
  - ◆ Marion-Polk Food Share 503.581.3855  
[www.marionpolkfoodshare.org](http://www.marionpolkfoodshare.org)
  - ◆ MWV Community Action Agency 503.399.9080
  - ◆ Crisis & Information Hotline 503.581.5535
  - ◆ National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)  
[www.serve.org/nche](http://www.serve.org/nche)
  - ◆ Homeless Information: OREGON  
[www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=or&topic=homeless](http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=or&topic=homeless)
  - ◆ DHS Self Sufficiency; [www.oregon.gov/DHS/](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/)
- Keizer: 3420 Cherry Avenue NE, Suite 110, 503.373.0808  
North Salem: 4074 Winema Place Bldg 53, 503.378.2731  
South Salem: 1185 22nd Street SE, 503.378.6327

### Contact a STEP Advocate at:

#### Paulus Administration Center

1309 Ferry Street, Salem, Oregon 97301

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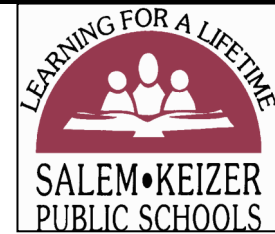
Superintendent

#### Sue Rieke-Smith

Instructional Services Director

#### Melissa Wisner

Federal Programs Coordinator



## Program

## S.T.E.P.

*Students in Transition  
Educational Program*



*“Taking STEPS towards Academic  
Success”*

## Who is eligible?

Homeless children and youth are defined as those who lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence including:

- “Doubled up” sharing the housing of others due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason
- Emergency or transitional shelters
- Motels, trailer parks or camping due to lack of alternative accommodations
- Vehicles, parks, or other public spaces
- Abandoned buildings or substandard housing
- Migrant students living in any of the above
- “Awaiting” foster care placement
- Unaccompanied youth not in physical custody of a parent or guardian **and** living in any of the above

“Every two minutes  
a child becomes homeless  
in America”

[www.hfhny.org](http://www.hfhny.org)

## Educational Rights of Students

The federally-funded McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ensures educational rights for students experiencing homelessness. Students have the right to:

- Enroll and attend classes *immediately* without proof of residency, immunization records, or other documents
- Attend the neighborhood school or the *school of origin* (the school student attended when permanently housed or last enrolled)
- Attend their school of origin until the end of the school year, even if they become housed or move out of district, if feasible



- Attend school while a dispute resolution is pending
- Receive transportation to/from their school of origin
- Access school services including special education, Title I, TAG and ELL services
- Free and reduced meals
- Attend district preschool programs

## Program Services



- Ensure that homeless students are identified, enrolled and attending school
- Enrollment assistance with alternative educational placements
- Educational advocacy and access to special programs
- Attend IEP, TAG, YST, discipline and diversion meetings
- Access to academic support (tutoring, credit recovery)
- Assist in obtaining educational records
- Transportation via school bus or public transportation
- Resolve enrollment and transportation disputes
- Provide school supplies
- Disseminate public notice of the educational rights of students in homeless situations
- Refer students and families to Community Resources & Programs

