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Housing Instability Resource Guide for Educators

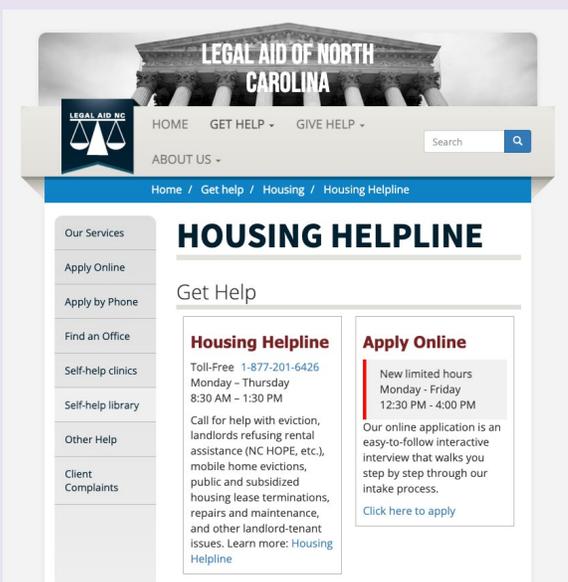
NC InCK Guide on Housing Instability Resource for Educators

The comprehensive Housing Guide was developed by [NC Integrated Care For Kids](#) (NC InCK) and this resource was developed by [The ABC Science Collaborative](#) as a tool for school social workers and other educators who have identified a student who is housing instable.

For additional resources and information, please see the full [Housing Guide](#) on the NC InCK website.

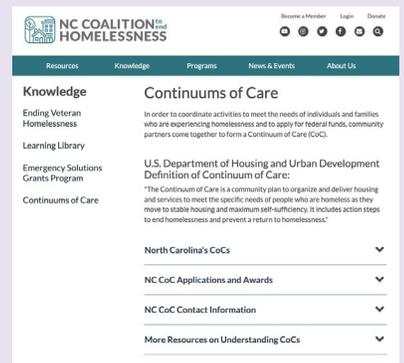
What resources are available to help families facing a potential eviction?

If a family is facing a potential eviction or foreclosure, contact North Carolina Legal Aid's Housing Hotline at 877-201-6426.



What is my first step to help a student who may be facing housing instability?

Contacting your county's Continuum of Care (CoC) contact is the recommended first step when helping a family facing housing instability. This contact can provide information on resources available in the county depending on the family's need, including public housing programs and support from nonprofits. [View a list of North Carolina's 12 CoCs.](#)



Some counties have Coordinated Entry or Coordinated Assessment processes that people who are homeless must go through to be referred for certain programs. The CoC contact will be able to provide that information. Visit the comprehensive [Housing Guide](#) for contacts in Alamance, Durham, and Orange counties.

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What additional resources are available to address housing instability in North Carolina?

1. [NC Housing Search](#) locates available apartments, rental homes, condos, and other housing that fits individual and family needs, connecting people to other housing resources and providing helpful tools. For help searching, please call 1-877-428-8844 (toll free) Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
2. [NC InCK](#) family navigators can work with qualifying families in five North Carolina counties: Alamance, Durham, Granville, Orange, and Vance counties. A family navigator can connect families to resources, including resources related to housing. [Request information here.](#)
3. Each local county Department of Social Services (DSS) administers programs that assist families with water and utility payments. The application process may differ depending on the county. Call, schedule a visit, or visit the local DSS website for more information. These programs include:
 - a. Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) — Provides payment to help eligible families pay their heating expense.
 - b. Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) — Assists with energy related expenses for a household during a heating or cooling related crisis.
 - c. Energy Assistance (Short-Term Financial Assistance for Families in Crisis) — Resource that can help pay for housing and utility expenses for families who are eligible and are at or below 200% of the poverty level.
 - d. Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) — Provides assistance paying for drinking and wastewater expenses.



What are other considerations related to housing that may impact student health?

Housing instability negatively affects students in many ways. Students experiencing housing instability may need additional support, such as:



Education: A local [McKinney-Vento](#) liaison works directly with eligible students and families in their school district. The liaison helps identify students who qualify and ensures they receive appropriate educational services. The liaison also helps coordinate immediate enrollment and transportation when needed.



NC Early Childhood: Children who are homeless are prioritized during the application process for Head Start and Early Head Start. For more information, please review [NC InCK's Early Childhood Guide](#).



Food Insecurity: When a family is facing housing instability, they may not have access to enough food to feed their children and themselves. Read the [NC InCK Food & Nutrition Support Guide](#) for resources and information.



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