

# When Help is Needed Beyond the Classroom

Assistance for Liberty families  
experiencing homelessness

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## **Our Mission:**

To develop students who are competent, confident, productive, and responsible young adults who possess the habits, skills, and attitudes to succeed in life and be offered the invitation of a post-secondary education and satisfying employment.

## **Our Philosophy:**

When a low-threat environment is coupled with highly-challenging content, accelerated learning takes place.

## **Our Commitment:**

Our Governing Board, founders, administrator, teachers and staff hold firm to the school's emphasis on kindness, and commitment to the premise that every student and employee has the right to come to school expecting a safe environment for all. And, as part of the Nampa community, Liberty representatives also hold that, to the practical extent possible, the school will serve as a community resource when help is needed. As a Title IA school, Liberty is responsible for observing Title IX-A activities that address issues of homelessness.

The purpose of this brochure is to help carry out the mission, vision and commitment of this school in the area of family transition/homelessness by being one of the resources to assist Liberty students and families who may face homelessness.

## **Who are the homeless?**

We recognize the more obvious signs of homelessness, such as seeing those sleeping on the streets, in public parks, or in cars, but it's more than that. Under Title IX-A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), homeless children and youth are defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and include those living in any of the following situations as described by the U.S. Department of Education:

- Doubled-up housing with grandparents, family, or friends due to economic conditions
- Living in a motel/hotel because other housing is unavailable
- Runaway youth
- Staying in a home for pregnant or unwed mothers w/out another place to live
- Staying at a domestic violence center
- Living in transitional housing
- Living on the streets
- Staying in abandoned buildings
- Sleeping in public places
- Living in a car, trailer, or campground
- A child awaiting foster care
- A seasonal, working family staying in unfit housing.

Title IX-A: Homeless Children & Youth ensures the educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness and includes:

- The right to immediate enrollment in school even without giving a permanent address, or who lack medical or other usual registration paperwork.
- The right to attend school in their school of origin (if requested and feasible), or in the school in the attendance area where the family or youth is currently residing.

- The right to receive to the extent possible transportation to the school of origin.
- The right to services comparable to those received by housed schoolmates, including all special educational services, as well as receiving required textbooks and supplies. Students who are experiencing homelessness automatically qualify for Free & Reduced meals once identified.
- The right to attend school alongside children not experiencing homelessness.
- Posting of homeless student rights in all schools and other community locations.

## School Resources:

As a Title IA school carrying out Title IX-A activities, Liberty:

- Reserves a portion of Title IA funds to serve students who are homeless.
- Reviews and revises policies that impede students who are homeless.
- Posts rights of students who are homeless in the school.
- Identifies a school homeless liaison to assist students and staff on homeless issues.
- Provides this brochure, as well as information on the school website, in the weekly attendance note, in social media, and at school events to help those experiencing homelessness, or who are facing the possibility of becoming homeless.

## \*Community Resources that serve homeless situations:

Idaho's Homelessness response system:

Idaho has a standardized approach to homelessness response to address the needs of those experiencing a housing crisis, to help them gain access to programs & services, and to ensure those experiencing or at risk of homelessness that are seeking long-term housing solutions have consistent access to housing resources.

In particular, individuals in need of housing assistance now have one, regional access point to work with -- in the Nampa area this is the Salvation Army, [403 12th Ave S, Nampa](https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/locations/403-12th-ave-s-nampa), [208-467-6586](tel:2084676586). Those in need of immediate shelter should continue to access emergency shelters, such as Nampa's Valley Women & Children's Shelter, 475-0725; and Lighthouse Men's Shelter, 461-5030. The school's homeless liaison is also available to assist in sharing & helping coordinate these resources. Contact the school office if you would like to meet with the homeless liaison.

## Resources/Assistance Providers:

Liberty Homeless Liaison	208-466-7952 (Mrs. O'Donahue)
Liberty Free & Reduced School Lunch	208-466-7952 (Liberty Café Manager)
Boise Rescue Mission (BRMM)	
-Valley Women & Children's Shelter	208-475-0725
- Lighthouse Men's Shelter	208-461-5030
Salvation Army	208-467-6586
Love INC	208-466-7810
Idaho Food Bank	208-336-9643
Intermountain Gas Moratorium	208-377-6840
Terry Reilly Health Services	208-466-7869
207 1 <sup>st</sup> Street S., Nampa	
Southwest District Health & WIC	208-455-5345/208-455-5330
13307 Miami Lane, Caldwell	
Central District Health & WIC	208-375-5211 or 208-327-7488
707 N. Armstrong Pl., Boise	
Idaho Dept of Labor	208-364-7781
4514 Thomas Jefferson St., Caldwell	
Idaho Careline @ 211	211
Telephone information & referral service for the	Idaho Dept of Health & Welfare
12 Baskets Food Pantry	208-546-5896 Fridays, 12pm -2 pm
11220 Lone Star Rd, Nampa	
Apostolic Assembly – food pantry	208-409-6860 Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6pm-9 pm
119 First Ave N, Nampa	
Seventh Day Adventist Comm. Service	208-461-1651 Wednesdays, 12 pm-4 pm
307 W Iowa, Nampa	

Nazarene Care House – food pantry 1524 6 <sup>th</sup> St. S. Ave., Nampa	208-466-5364	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1pm-4pm Saturdays, 1pm-3pm
St. Vincent de Paul – food pantry 2920 East Railroad Street, Nampa	208-442-4452	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3pm-5 pm
Salvation Army – food pantry 403 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave South, Nampa	208-467-6586	Monday-Thursday, 10 am-2pm

**Free Meal Sites:**

BRMM – Lighthouse Men’s Shelter 304 16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North	461-5030	Breakfast: M-Sat, 6:30 am; 8 am Sunday Lunch: M-Sat, Noon; 1 pm Sunday Dinner: Daily, 7 pm
BRMM – Valley Women & Children 869 Corporate Lane	475-0725	Breakfast: M-Sat, 5:45 am; 6:30 am Sun Dinner: Daily, 6:15 pm
Salvation Army Comm. Family Shelter 1412 4 <sup>th</sup> Street South	461-3733	Breakfast: M, T, & Thurs-Sat, 6-9 am Lunch: M, T, & Thurs-Sat, 11:30 am

**Emergency Shelters in Nampa:**

Boise Rescue Mission

- Valley Women & Children’s Shelter 475-0725 869 Corporate Lane - Check-in at 4 pm
- Lighthouse Men’s Shelter 461-5030 304 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. Call 461-4833 for check-in

Salvation Army Family Shelter 461-3733 1412 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. - Call for check-in procedure

*\*When seeking assistance from local and state agencies, it is generally required to provide identification, eviction/shut-off notices, or other documents regarding your situation. If you are a Liberty family, contact the school and ask for the homeless liaison, Mrs. O’Donahue, who can help in your efforts to improve your situation.*