

When Help is Needed Beyond the Classroom

Assistance for Liberty families
experiencing homelessness

Liberty Charter School

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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](#), [208-467-6586](#). 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, Nampa	208-475-0725
- Lighthouse Men's Shelter, Nampa	208-461-5030
Salvation Army-Nampa	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 st 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	
First Church of the Nazarene-Medical Partnerships	208-466-3549
601 16 th Avenue S, Nampa (In partnership with St. Al's & Terry Reilly, provide quarterly medical clinics that can include basic medical & dental exams, flu shots, blood sugar & cholesterol testing, hearing/vision screenings, and mammograms.	
United Way of Treasure Valley	208-807-2941
3100 S. Vista Avenue, Boise	

Food Pantries & Additional Assistance:

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, Noon-4 pm
307 W Iowa, Nampa (food & clothing)		
Nazarene Care House Food Pantry	208-466-5364	Tues., Thurs., Sat., 12:30pm-4 pm
1524 6 th St. S. Ave., Nampa		

(Food Pantries, continued)

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry 208-442-4452 Tuesday & Thursday, 3pm-5 pm
2920 East Railroad Street, Nampa (Also provide free insurance reviews for Medicare & Medicaid, and housing expense assistance)
Salvation Army Food Pantry 208-467-6586 Monday-Thursday, 10 am-2pm
403 12th Ave South, Nampa

Free Meal Sites:

BRMM – Lighthouse Men’s Shelter 304 16 th 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 Sunday Dinner: Daily, 6:15 pm
Salvation Army Comm. Family Shelter 1412 4 th Street South	461-3733	Breakfast: M, Tues, & Thurs-Sat, 6-9 am Lunch: M, Tues, & 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 16th Avenue N.
Call 461-4833 for check-in

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

Additional Information:

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 assist in your efforts to improve your situation.

Non-Discrimination Statement: Liberty Charter School is a tuition free, Idaho public charter school that has been operating since 2004. Liberty is the founding Harbor Method School offering a complete K-12 education. The school welcomes students without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, age, language barrier, religious beliefs, physical or mental handicap or disability, economic or social conditions, or actual or potential marital or parental status, or status as a homeless child. The school does not discriminate in any of its educational programs or activities, admissions procedures, or employment practices on the basis of sex and it is required by the Title IX not to discriminate in such a manner. Questions regarding Title IX may be referred to the school’s Title IX coordinator, Mrs. O’Donahue, or to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR). Liberty is a 501c3 non-profit organization.