

**BadgerCare:** Children under 19 years can apply for BadgerCare Plus on their own if they are not residing with a parent or caretaker relative. See handout also online at [www.uwosh.edu/socialwork/professional-links/2010%20Unaccompanied%20Youth%20Guidance%20document.pdf](http://www.uwosh.edu/socialwork/professional-links/2010%20Unaccompanied%20Youth%20Guidance%20document.pdf)

Students are eligible for BadgerCare Plus if they meet the following criterion:

1. Students are under 19 years of age and are not living with a parent, relative, or caretaker. In these cases, the application would list only the minor child (student); 2. Students between the ages of 19 and 21 who are exiting the foster care system; 3. Students under 19 who are married. The application would list the student and her/his spouse if they are residing together (BadgerCare Plus Handbook Sec. 2.2.5.); and 4. Students who have dependent children--regardless of the age of the student.

**Foodshare:** <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/foodshare/feligibility.htm>

This site gives you information on how and where to apply, as well as general information about the program. Remember: *It is necessary that the youth states s/he will be purchasing, storing and preparing their food independently. Also clarify for the youth that if a parent is now receiving a foodshare which includes a portion for them, the youth will now receive that share and the parent will no longer receive that portion.*

**Mc Kinney Vento (Homeless Assistance Act):** <http://center.serve.org/nche/m-v.php>

Federal Law which defines and provides rights to students experiencing homelessness. Every school district in the U.S. must have a Homeless Liaison and fully implement the law. *Unaccompanied youth may enroll immediately, without documents: contact the local Homeless Liaison to assist with enrolment, school transportation, supplies, meeting basic needs etc. Be sure to ask the district liaison about what alternative programs are available as well as the way to access these.*

**Survival Skills:** [www.ruleof3survival.com](http://www.ruleof3survival.com)

*Remember – in any extreme situation you cannot survive for more than 3 minutes without air; 3 hours without shelter; 3 days without water; and 3 weeks without food. Get clear on your survival priorities.*

**Trevor Project: 866 488 7386 (lifeline)** <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/organization>

*The Trevor Project is determined to end suicide among LGBTQ youth by providing life-saving and life-affirming resources including a nationwide, 24/7 crisis intervention lifeline, digital and community and advocacy/educational programs that create a safe, supportive and positive environment for all it is leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQ youth.*

**Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction**

**Unaccompanied Children and Youth who are Homeless guidance sheet**

<http://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/resources.html>

Education for Homeless Children and Youth – information at DPI

*Excellent all purpose place for information*

*(Next two links are at this site)*

<http://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/pdf/youth.pdf>

*Explanation of the McKinney Vento law and how it applies*

[http://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/pdf/wi\\_runaw\\_prog.pdf](http://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/pdf/wi_runaw_prog.pdf)

*Listing of all Wisconsin Runaway Programs & contacts*

**Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services (WAHRS) :** <http://www.wahrs.org>

The mission of WAHRS is to provide the best, most efficient and effective services to runaway and homeless youth, including those who are pregnant and/or parenting.

**National Runaway Switch Board (1- 800-RUNAWAY)**

“All calls to National Runaway Switchboard (NRS) are confidential and free 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We won't tell you what to do and we're not here to give out advice. We help you help yourself. We talk through your problems and help you find a plan of action.” Message relay is one service: they can deliver a message to parents and parents can leave a message to pass along. If you give them a message for parents, they will call them and deliver it. They can also set up conference calls.

*2-1-1 Dial 211 anywhere in Wisconsin for local resource information anywhere in the state.*

*9-1-1 Any cell phone can be charged and can call 911 for emergencies. Even if there is no service plan.*

**State Bar Association of Wisconsin**

<http://www.legalexplorer.com/resources/database/pubpdfs/54-onb18.pdf>

*What you should know about Wisconsin Law: Your legal Rights and Responsibilities (formerly titled On Being 18) Seventeenth Edition, 2011.* This booklet focuses on the changes in legal rights and responsibilities that occur when you become 18 and are considered an “adult” under Wisconsin Law. The purpose is to inform you of your rights and to help you recognize and avoid possible problems.

**Alanon, AA & NA group meetings**

*Alanon Family groups and Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups are often open groups where anyone is free to attend. These groups can provide a network of support for youth with alcohol/drug abuse issues.*

**Wisconsin Legislative Reference bureau bibliography:** This bibliography provides resources related to the causes, consequences, and scope of youth homelessness and an overview of related programs and policies. <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lrb/pubs/ttp/ttp-04-2013.pdf>

**Safe Schools Coalition:** <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/LGBTQhomelessFactSheetbyNAEH.pdf>  
*Fact sheet on LGBTQ Homelessness*

**National Alliance to End Homelessness LGBTQ page**

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/section/issues/youth/lgbtqyouth>

**Incidence and Vulnerability of LGBTQ Homeless Youth**

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/article/detail/2141>

This report highlights the incidence of homelessness among LGBTQ youth and the vulnerability of LGBTQ youth to becoming homeless. As compared to their heterosexual peers, LGBTQ youth face a greater risk of exploitation. This brief explores pathways into homelessness for LGBTQ youth and ways to end homelessness for this group. It also includes a chart on the systems components for addressing homelessness among all youth, including LGBTQ youth.