



Family Resource Center (FRC) FAQ

Strategic Initiative: Strengthen student wellness, engagement, and safety.

Mission: To support families experiencing homelessness or on the verge of experiencing homelessness by coordinating services and family support through local and district provided systems of support.

Purpose: The Family Resource Center (FRC) will provide a welcoming space for our students and families where they will receive support, have some basic needs met and connect to school and community resources. Many of these situations can be addressed directly through supports on campus at the student's school, but sometimes there is a greater level of coordination needed. We envision our Family Resource Center as an easily accessible location for parents and caregivers to make connections with a knowledgeable guide to help connect families to support and services within Everett Public Schools and our local community. The center can also be used as a HUB receiving and storing limited donations to be dispersed by school support staff as needed.

Facts: This center will support families who are experiencing homelessness or families on the verge of experiencing homelessness and is accessed **by referral ONLY.**

This first center is located at Hawthorne Elementary, **serving students and families district wide.**

In our district, we typically identify and support around 1,200 students each school year who are living in eligible situations that meet the [McKinney-Vento Act](#) or what we refer to as [Kids in Transition \(KIT\)](#).

Referral Process: A KIT/Foster building point person will assess the needs of the family and determine if they can provide support for the family's needs. If the family situation is eligible for McKinney-Vento or at risk of losing housing **AND** exceeds the support the school can provide, the building point person will complete a [Family Resource Center \(FRC\) referral form](#). If a family or student needs an appointment with the family resource coordinator, depending on the situation and needs, the appointment could take place either at the center and planned during times of maintaining a low profile; or the staff may schedule an online meeting, or a mobile meeting set at an agreed upon location.

After a referral is made, trained and experienced support staff help assess family strengths and challenges with a team-based approach, using trauma-informed best practices, to offer individualized plans for achieving success. Parents, caregivers, and unaccompanied youth are guided to remove barriers to access internal school support systems and processes. Wrap-around services are then efficiently streamlined including access to basic needs like food, hygiene, transportation, and referrals to housing and shelter options, as well as other services like healthcare, mental health, employment and education, or legal services.

Donations: If you would like to financially support the Family Resource Centers, please click the [secure donation link](#) and select Everett School District Office and Family Resource Center option. At this time, we are not receiving drop off donations. We feel strongly that the best way to support our families is through the use of gift cards where we can meet exactly what the family's needs are and ensure the families feel supported.

Resource Link: [Washington State School Staff Resource Guide](#)