

# Homeless Youth

## Community Resources



### 1. CALL 211

Are you at risk of losing your housing or being evicted? Call 211 (or text "HOPE" to 20121) today to access available resources throughout Contra Costa County. This is a free and confidential service available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Callers will be matched to appropriate programs and services such as access to housing, food, laundry, health care, legal defense, free emergency hotel vouchers, money for rent or utilities, etc.

### 2. NEAREST FOOD BANKS

Access to 15-20 pounds of **FREE** fresh produce twice a month. Choose any one of the locations below.

- Monument Crisis Center: 1990 Market St, Concord, 2nd & 4th Monday, 2:00-3:00pm
- Church of the Nazarene: 1650 Ashbury Dr. Concord, 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 12:00-1:00pm
- WIC Concord, 2355 Stanwell Cir, Concord, 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 2:00-3:00pm
- St. Bonaventure's Church, 5562 Clayton Rd, Concord, 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 4:00-5:00pm
- La Clinica de la Raza, 2000 Sierra Rd, Concord, 1st & 3rd Saturday, 10:00-11:00am
- Cambridge Elementary, 1135 Lacey Ln, Concord, 1st & 3rd Saturday, 12:00-1:00pm
- Mt. Diablo High School, 2611 East St, Concord, 1st & 3rd Saturday, 2:00-3:00pm
- Martinez Health Center: 2500 Alhambra Blvd, Martinez, 2nd & 4th Monday, 12:00-1:00pm
- Boys & Girls Club Martinez: 1301 Alhambra Ave, Martinez, 2nd & 4th Friday, 12:00-1:00pm
- Pleasant Hill Seventh Day Adventist: 800 Grayson Rd, Pleasant Hill, 2nd & 4th Friday, 2:00-3:00pm
- Las Juntas Elementary: 4105 Pacheco Blvd, Martinez, 2nd & 4th Friday, 4:00-5:00pm

### 3. CAL FRESH

- You may also qualify for Cal Fresh (formerly known as food stamps)
- Apply online: <https://www.foodbankccs.org/get-help/calfresh/calfresh-inquiry.html>
- For assistance call **Robert Gama** at (925) 849-8372 or email at [rgama@foodbankccs.org](mailto:rgama@foodbankccs.org)

### 4. CARE CENTERS

Need a place to shower, do laundry, or a temporary place to stay? Visit one of the Care center locations below.

- CONCORD- Monument Crisis Center: 1990 Market St, Concord; Walk in hours: M-TH 9-12; T 5-7pm
- CONCORD – 2047-A Arnold Industrial Way; Walk in hours: M-F 8-5pm
- RICHMOND – Grip; 165 22<sup>nd</sup> Street; Walk in hours: M-F 8-5pm

### 5. SAFE PARKING PROGRAM

Living in your car? The Trinity Center offers a Safe Overnight Parking Program for qualified members. Services include an overnight guard, safe place for overnight sleeping, access to restroom facilities, access to food, etc. Contact: (925) 457-7928, [marjoleind@trinitycenterwc.org](mailto:marjoleind@trinitycenterwc.org), 1300 Boulevard Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94595

### 6. SPARK INITIATIVE

Not sure where to start? Need help navigating the resources available? Need a ride to the Care Center or food banks? The SPARK Initiative is a team of caring youth who are available to help you. Call/email to get connected.

- Kayla Bailey – [Kaylab@voicesyouthcenter.org](mailto:Kaylab@voicesyouthcenter.org) (925)236-0078

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## DVC Campus Resources



### 1. FINANCIAL AID

Unaccompanied homeless youth are eligible to apply for financial aid – including free tuition and additional money for books, supplies, and living expenses. To apply, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)). You will be asked whether you are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. If you answer “yes”, you may submit the application without providing information about your parents. For assistance with the financial aid application process, please contact the DVC Homeless Youth Liaison in the Financial Aid Office: **Phoebe Keeseey** – [pkeeseey@dvc.edu](mailto:pkeeseey@dvc.edu); (925) 969-2124.

### 2. PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Unaccompanied homeless youth may be eligible to receive priority registration. Students with priority registration have greater success at DVC because they can register earlier and access a greater selection of classes. This means reaching your educational goals faster! To qualify for priority registration, you must provide proof that you are an unaccompanied homeless youth or at risk of becoming homeless. This determination may be made by a Financial Aid Administrator. For more information, please contact DVC Homeless Youth Liaison in the Financial Aid Office: **Phoebe Keeseey** – [pkeeseey@dvc.edu](mailto:pkeeseey@dvc.edu); (925) 969-2124

### 3. COUNSELING SERVICES

Academic counselors are available to provide academic, career, and personal counseling. Students are encouraged to meet with a counselor at least once per semester. The Counseling Center is located on the second floor of the Student Services Building. You may contact the center at (925) 969-2140. In addition to academic counseling, students are also eligible for 5 clinical counseling sessions per academic year through the Student Assistance Program. To get connected with a counselor/therapist, call (800) 227-1060.

### 4. DVC FOOD PANTRY

It is hard to focus on school and homework when you are hungry. The DVC food pantry can provide emergency, supplemental food to DVC students. First time pantry users complete a quick and confidential online intake form at [www.dvc.edu/foodpantry](http://www.dvc.edu/foodpantry). This form is only required once per academic year and is only used for research purposes. The food pantry is located on the first floor of the Student Union Multicultural Center and is open Monday- Thursdays from 10:30-6:00pm. Please bring your student ID card.

### 5. SHOWER AND LOCKER ROOM FACILITIES

Students are welcome to use the men’s and women’s locker room facilities to shower. Both locker rooms are located between the gym and kinesiology buildings. Please note that locker rooms are only open during times when classes are in session. Locker rooms are not open on Fridays or during breaks when the campus is closed.

### 6. COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC

DVC provides low cost, high quality dental cleanings to the surrounding community. As this is a teaching clinic, students enrolled in our Dental Hygiene and Assisting Programs will be conducting the evaluations and cleanings. For more information and hours of operation, call (925) 969-2692