



## The Bridge Project in PA

Online Mental Health Services for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Children and youth experiencing homelessness often do not receive the mental health services they need to help them overcome the detrimental effects of their situation.

The Bridge Project in PA facilitates **free** access to mental health services for children and youth experiencing homelessness in grades K-12 in Pennsylvania.

Having time with a caring mental health professional can greatly improve a child's well-being.

### How to Access Services

1. The Bridge Project in PA liaison with a team of school professionals determines the appropriateness of this wrap-around service for a McKinney-Vento-eligible student. \*
2. The school liaison discusses availability of The Bridge Project in PA services with the student and their families. \*\*
3. Using the "Make a Referral" icon on The Bridge Project in PA webpage, the liaison makes a referral for services for the eligible student.
4. The mental health provider contacts the school liaison to finalize necessary paperwork and to schedule an intake appointment with the student (and family if applicable.)
5. The mental health provider provides a secure link to the school liaison for the student to use for their appointment.
6. The school liaison works with the student for appointment logistics and helps to remove barriers to access. This includes ensuring a device with internet access is available for the student, establishing a confidential space for the student to participate in appointments, and working with school-day teachers to accommodate student scheduling. *Equipped electronic devices are available on a limited basis and may be requested by emailing [ARPactivities@csc.csiu.org](mailto:ARPactivities@csc.csiu.org).*



### Learn More and Make a Referral

Scan QR code for details or go to [bit.ly/TBP-Referral](https://bit.ly/TBP-Referral)

\* Children under the age of 14 must have parent or guardian approval to participate.

\*\* If a child or family is in immediate distress, please **call or text 988** for direct links for crisis support.