



# PROCESS TO CONNECT



- If you work with a family with a **school age student(s)**
- If the family is a **resident of Manatee County**
- If the family is **living in one of the following situations:**

shelter, motel, car, park, bus, train station, campground due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations, or is house sharing due to loss of housing or economic hardship



## USING UNITE US?

Refer guardian/parent on Unite Us to Project Heart

## NOT ON UNITE US YET?

Use The Assistance Request Form below

### QR CODE

### LINK



[https://alignconsultingteams.com /  
hope-pathways-of-manatee-  
county/assistance-request-form/](https://alignconsultingteams.com/hope-pathways-of-manatee-county/assistance-request-form/)



<https://www.manateeschools.net/domain/1406>





# Project HEART

*Helping Students in Housing Transition*

## ASSISTS STUDENTS LIVING IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

- In a shelter
- In a motel
- In a campground due to lack of an alternative adequate accommodation
- In a car
- In a park
- In an abandoned building
- In a bus or train station
- Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

## UNDER THE MCKINNEY VENTO ACT, ELIGIBLE STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- A free, appropriate public education.
- Education in a mainstream school environment.
- Participation in the school food service program.
- Prompt resolution of disputes regarding educational placement.
- No isolation or stigmatization due to their homeless status.
- Placement in their school of origin the entire time they are homeless for the duration of any academic year.
- Consideration of parent's requests regarding placement at the school of origin or the zoned school.
- Educational, social, athletic, and recreational services offered to other students

## PROJECT HEART CAN HELP WITH:

- School enrollment
- School supplies and uniforms
- School stability
- School related expenses
- Graduation or GED fees
- Post high school planning
- Referrals for pregnant or parenting teens
- Referrals for medical/dental, vision and mental health assistance
- Referrals for community resources through UNITE US such as:
  - Housing/rental assistance, emergency shelter, utilities assistance, food pantries, employment job training, adult education, food stamps, Medicaid.