



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**Impact Avenues** is a collaboration with over **35 partner agencies** that work together to address the needs of homeless students and their families in Shawnee County. We utilize collective impact, a single point of service, and intensive case management to **help families** eliminate barriers and **find sustainable housing**. It is estimated that there are around **500 homeless students** in Topeka and Shawnee County Schools.

### To qualify:

A family **must be homeless** and have a **child enrolled in a school in Shawnee county**. A student is considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (ie. Living in cars, motels, house sharing, couch surfing, emergency shelters, etc.) The family can let a school social worker know and they will be referred to Impact Avenues. Once approved, the students and their families get the support they need to obtain stable housing and assistance with overcoming barriers to success.

**Impact Thursday** is when we bring all of our partner agencies together under one roof to **allow families access to all services and resources** in one location.

For more information, visit [www.topeka.org/impact-avenues](http://www.topeka.org/impact-avenues) or contact **Carrie Higgins** at [chiggins@topeka.org](mailto:chiggins@topeka.org) or **785-368-3711**