



Homeless and At-Risk Students

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In an effort to provide support to students experiencing homelessness and in accordance with IL Public Act 102-0083, Taylor Business Institute (TBI) has designated a liaison to assist enrolled homeless students.

If you are at risk or are experiencing homelessness, contact the TBI Liaison:

Gabriela Godinez

Homeless Liaison

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Resources for Homelessness and At-Risk Students

Many students in higher education are increasingly struggling to meet basic needs such as stable housing. TBI strives to provide campus and community resources to assist our students who may be facing homelessness or housing insecurity.

Homelessness is defined as a student who does not have a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence. This includes, but is not limited to, students who:

- Are sharing the housing of other people due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.
- Are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of an alternative accommodation.
- Are living in emergency or transitional shelters.
- Have a primary night-time residence that is a public or private place not designated for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- Are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.

Food Resource

SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program)

SNAP helps low-income individuals buy the food they need for good nutritional health. If you qualify for SNAP, you will get an Illinois Link Card. Each month, the amount of your SNAP benefits will be added to your Link Card account, and you can use it like a debit card to pay for food at most grocery stores.

- For more information or to complete a general application for benefits (ABE) visit ABE Illinois.
- Illinois Department of Human Services Help Line: 1-800-843-6154 or 1-866-324-5553 TTY

Student Employment Resources

Career Center – Helps students to find work-study or part-time employment. Services include:

- Resume writing
- Interview skills
- Job Search
- Completing applications
- Interview attire

Counseling Services

If you are interested in speaking with someone regarding counseling, contact TBI's Confidential Advisor for an appointment.

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Confidential Advisor
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Counseling services include:

- Free, goal-focused, collaborative, confidential, individual counseling services for TBI students.
- Collaboration with faculty and staff who want to support student care.
- Assistance with finding community-based organizations for therapy services.

State and Local Resources

- 2-1-1 Metro Chicago connects Chicago and southern cook county residents to various resources.
211metrochicago.org
- Greater Chicago Food Depository has a listing of food pantries, meal programs and distribution partners in Chicago and cook county.
Chicagofoodbank.org/find-food

- Illinois Department of Human Services connects residents with
 - Developmental Disabilities
 - Early Childhood Development
 - Family and Community Services
 - Mental Health
 - Rehabilitation Services
 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery

dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx

Emergency Crisis Numbers

Emergency/Chicago Police Department: 1-312-745-4290 or 911

Northwestern Memorial Hospital: 1-312-926-2000