Sample Needs Assessment

Basic School/Community Checklist

In the following table, rate the extent to which your school district and community currently meets the special needs of homeless children and youth and their families.

Educational/ School-Related Services	Need Not Addressed	Need Addressed/ Remains Major Need	Need Addressed/ Remains Minor Need	Need Well-Addressed	Not an Identified Need
1. Tutoring/ remedial programs					
2. Special education					
3. Counseling for students					
4. School transportation					
5. Free lunch/ breakfast					
6. School supplies					
7. Activity fees					
8. Pre-school programs					
9. Parent training/ involvement					
10. Case management for enroll-ment and community services					

Sample Needs Assessment (continued)

Educational/ School-Related Services	Need Not Addressed	Need Addressed/ Remains Major Need	Need Addressed/ Remains Minor Need	Need Well-Addressed	Not an Identified Need
11. School coordination with local community services					
12. Professional development on homeless issues for district staff					
13. Posting student rights and services					
14. Medical services					
15. Mental health services					
16. Food and clothing					
17. Emergency shelter					
18. Transitional shelter					
19. Affordable permanent housing					
20. Domestic violence/child abuse intervention					

Sample Needs Assessment (continued)

Educational/ School-Related Services	Need Not Addressed	Need Addressed/ Remains Major Need	Need Addressed/ Remains Minor Need	Need Well-Addressed	Not an Identified Need
21. Life skills training					
22. Substance abuse intervention					
23. Childcare					
24. Community transportation					
25. Job placement services					
26. Other:					

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For additional items, visit www.state.ia.us/educate/ecese/is/homeless/documents.html.