
Basic Needs: Thrive, Not Just Survive!

Antelope Valley College

Basic Needs Committee

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Marauder Basic Needs

Basic Needs Committee

- Basic Needs is currently working to identify areas of need
- Created a syllabus statement
- Offer on and off campus resources
- Web page created and updated under Campus Life
- Emergency Grant Program/Emergency Bill Pay
- Live links on AVC website for community partners/resources

Mission Statement

The Basic Needs Committee's mission is to help Antelope Valley College students access on-campus and community resources to maximize student success in achieving educational goals. The committee strives to connect students with resources available, both on-campus and in the community that will address students' basic needs so they can remain focused on education. The committee actively builds linkages and collaboration with partner agencies in the community that can help students meet their basic needs. Lastly, the committee seeks to promote awareness of resources to all students, faculty and staff.

Syllabus Statement

STUDENT RESOURCES: Having our basic needs met and being safe and secure has been shown to have a direct impact on the mental-emotional-physical health, wellness, academic performance, professional development, and success of students. Antelope Valley College works with our community partners to increase accessibility to food, housing, hygiene needs, financial resources, mental health, and other basic needs for our students. Please visit www.avc.edu/basicneeds for more details. Students can contact the Dean of Student Life and Services Office at Studentlife@avc.edu or at T700 E-1 for on and off campus resources to help students be successful.

Marauder Basic Needs

- Hearts and Hand Pantry/Marauder Market/Grocery Cards
- Laundry Cards
- Dress for Success Clothing, Shoes, Accessories, Winter Coats
- Hygiene and Welcome Kits
- On Campus Showers
- School Supplies
- Books Help/Calculators
- Housing/Hotel Vouchers
- Financial Aid
- Computer/hotspots loan: <https://www.avc.edu/computerloanprogram>
- Emergency Grant
- Health Services
- Campus Connect/Bus Pass (Kern & AVTA)

Food Resources

Hearts & Hands Pantry

- Students are fed with day bags prior to COVID
- Students receive weekly groceries prior to COVID
- Donations are always accepted (Raised about \$23,000)

Marauder Student Market

- From July 2020-June 2021 (2064 people served)
205 Bags of Canned and Dried Foods, 287 Grocery Gift Cards,
44 Holiday Meal Gift Cards, Generous amount of School Supplies,
144 Salad Bowls, 100 Water Bottles, 24 Laundry Cards, 44 Health Bags

- Held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays drive by (30th and J-8)



Housing Interest Form

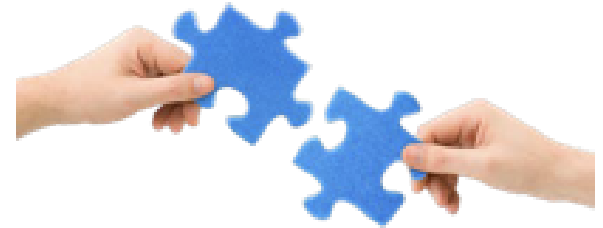
- For students who need housing and safe parking services need to fill out the housing interest form.

<https://www.avc.edu/basicneeds/homeless>

Housing

Student Life Works With These Community Partners

- The People Concern – 4 houses from the City of Lancaster (Room for 20 students)
- Valley Oasis – Homeless and Domestic Violence Services
- 70 students have benefited from housing services
- Department of Children & Family Services
- Penny Lane (Homeless and Foster Youth)
- Department of Mental Health (can provide vouchers)
- Neighborhood Legal of Los Angeles (DACA & Lanlord/tenant issues expungent)
- AV Homeless Coalition
- Children’s Center (Protection of Children, Therapy and Counseling)
- Hotel Vouchers
- ARCHES
- Guardian Scholars



Do you have a safe place to SLEEP TONIGHT?

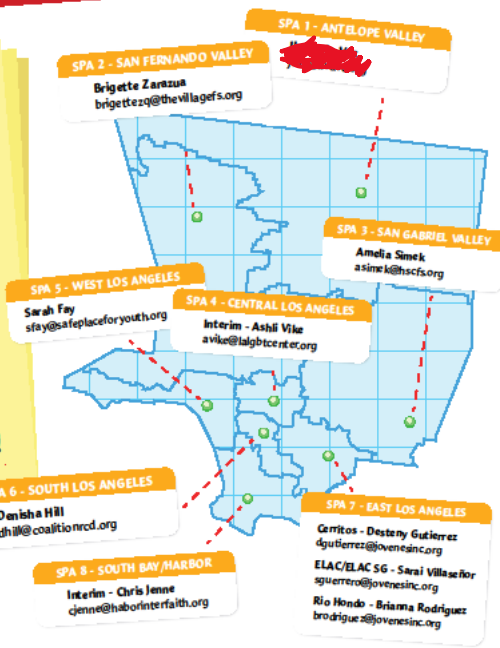
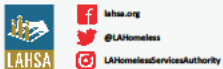
If you are **enrolled** at one of the colleges listed on this flyer and don't have a safe, secure, or regular place to sleep – contact us for help!

Campus Peer Navigators are available in Service Planning Areas (SPA) to help you:

- Explore possible housing options and talk about housing and next steps
- Connect you with basic resources like food pantries, medical care, and social services benefits
- Access safe housing alternatives

Contact your local Campus Peer Navigator!

SERVICES AVAILABLE DURING COVID/ STAY AT HOME ORDERS!



SPA	COLLEGE	SPA	COLLEGE
1	Antelope Valley College	5	Santa Monica College, West Los Angeles Community College
2	College of the Canyons, Glendale Community College, Los Angeles Valley College, Los Angeles Mission College, Pierce Community College	6	Compton College, Los Angeles Southwest College
3	Citrus College, Pasadena City College, Mt. San Antonio College	7	Cerritos Community College, East Los Angeles College, ELAC South Gate Campus, Rio Hondo College
4	Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles Trade Tech College	8	El Camino College, Long Beach City College, Los Angeles Harbor Community College

Safe Parking

Campus Peer Navigator

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Safe Parking Program

WHAT IS SAFE PARKING?

The Safe Parking program gives people living in their cars, vans, and RVs/campers a safe and legal place to park and sleep at night.

WHY DO SAFE PARKING PROGRAMS EXIST?

According to the 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homelessness Count, there are 16,525 people living in their cars, vans, or RVs/campers on any given night in Los Angeles County, which is 37% of all unsheltered people.

People living in their vehicles are often unaware of safe places to rest at night and often lack access to the homeless services delivery system and other community resources. Safe Parking programs can help fill this important gap and need.

Safe Parking is an approved strategy to address homelessness under the City of Los Angeles' Enhanced Comprehensive Homeless Strategy.

Funding for the Safe Parking programs is administrated by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Funding was made possible through the City and County of Los Angeles, and the State of California.

Some programs may also have limited financial assistance available for participants. Site amenities vary according to each site. Please see site information on back.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN SAFE PARKING PROGRAMS?

The Safe Parking program is open to the following people:

- Those who are living in their cars, vans, or RVs/campers and have an operable vehicle. Since our Safe Parking programs are not 24 hours, participants must leave the lot by a certain time each morning.
- Those who have a valid driver's license. If someone has lost their driver's license, Safe Parking providers may be able to help pay for a replacement. Contact your Safe Parking provider to confirm.

WHAT SERVICES DO SAFE PARKING PROGRAMS PROVIDE?

- Safely park and rest their vehicle in a parking lot. On-site security is available at all hours of the program.
- Access and use a restroom and handwashing station on-site
- Get referrals to community resources such as housing, medical, benefits, education, employment.

Safe Parking



Books Help

- Textbook Loans
- Basic Skills Textbooks
- Access Codes (Math 001)
- Calculators
- Students must apply each semester
- Emails are sent periodically
- Please let students know

<https://www.avc.edu/student-services/bookshelp>



Dress for Success/Winter Coat Drive

Always looking for warm and professional clothing

- Warm Clothing
- Blankets
- Suits/Dresses/Business Attire
- Scarfs/Ties/Shoes
- Donations (adult & children clothing)

Contact Student Life

studentlife@avc.edu

(661) 722-6300 ext. 6354

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Baby2Baby

- Below poverty line
- 0-12 years of age
- Diapers
- Wipes
- Baby food
- Clothes
- Blankets



Financial Aid



- Promise Grant
- FAFSA-Pell Grant
- Scholarships
- Loans
- Dreamers Act (State grant, fees waived)
- CHAFEE Grant (Foster Youth)
- CAL Grant (State grant)
- Emergency Financial Aid Grant



Students must apply every year
on or after October 1st

ASO Emergency Grant Program

- Financial needs for unexpected emergencies
- Can't exceed \$500
- Documentation is required
- One time use

<https://www.avc.edu/financialresources>



Hygiene

- Campus showers
(Locker Rooms, students need to make an appointment)
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Wash Cloths
- Shavers
- Sleeping Bags
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Feminine Products

*Please note that these products are for student's personal use.

For Donations or to Receive these items Contact Student Life
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Health Services

Contact: studenthealth@avc.edu

- Provides direct care to students for
 - Medical
 - Mental Health
 - Dental
 - Vision
- Health Education – stress management, healthy lifestyles, cancer prevention, healthy eating, etc.
- Provides online resources, Student Health 101, Kognito, suicide prevention
 - Timelycare: <https://www.avc.edu/sites/default/files/health/WhatIsTimelyCare.pdf>
 - Telemedical/Teletherapy
 - Crisis Text Line: Text “COURAGE” to 741741
 - Voucher for Summit Urgent Care (In Person)

Student Life

CARE Team/Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT)

- Provide a safe physical and emotional environment for members of the college community
- CARE Team handles about 60 cases per semester (Not Disciplinary)
- CARE Report

Interactive Screening Program-Suicide Prevention

- Created as an additional avenue of support for the students who are feeling overwhelmed and are thinking about suicide
- The goal is to reach students proactively before a crisis emerges.
- About 125 ISP/AVC Cares Questionnaires completed annually

How to Help

- Direct students to use the district/college's resources. Refer them to the www.avc.edu/basicneeds website for the proper forms.
- Do not provide direct assistance to students (i.e. money, food, gift cards...)
- Volunteer
- Ideas for other basic needs
- Donate
- Join the Basic Needs Committee!

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