# McKINNEY-VENTO ACT

## ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN FACED WITH HOMELESS CONDITIONS

The McKinney-Vento Act is designed to address the challenges that homeless children and youths

have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school with a strong emphasis on the

importance of school stability for homeless children and youths. Changing schools multiple times

significantly impedes a student’s academic and social growth. Therefore, the McKinney-Vento Act

calls for school districts to maintain students in their school of origin to promote school stability and

greater educational outcomes overall, unless it is not in the student’s best interest.

Under Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, § 725, homeless

children and youths means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence

and includes:

1. children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing,

economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping

grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or

transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;

2. children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place

not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;

3. children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings,

substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and

4. migratory children (as defined in § 1309 of the ESSA) who qualify as homeless because they

are living in circumstances described in this definition.

**If you believe your child may qualify for benefits under the McKinney-Vento Act, contact the**

**Obion County Schools Homeless Coordinator, Greg Barclay, at:**

**Obion County Schools**

**1700 North 5th Street**

**Union City, TN 38261**

**Or call 731-885-9743, ext. 2021. Or email at gbarclay@ocboe.com**

**Additional information can be found at http://tn.gov/education/article/esea-title-ix.**