

**Caregiver Form for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness**

This form is intended to address the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 11432 et seq.) requirement that homeless children have access to education and other services for which they are eligible. The McKinney-Vento Act states specifically that barriers to enrollment must be removed. In some cases, a child or youth who is homeless may not be able to reside with his/her parent or guardian; however, this fact does not nullify the child or youth’s right to receive a free, appropriate public education.

**Instructions:**

Complete this form for a child or youth enrolling in school while not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

- To authorize the enrollment in school of a minor: complete items 1 through 4 and sign the form.
- To authorize the enrollment and school-related medical care of a minor: complete all items and sign the form.

I am 18 years of age or older and have agreed to fulfill the role of caregiver for the minor named below.

1. Name of minor \_\_\_\_\_

2. Minor’s date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

3. My name (adult giving authorization) \_\_\_\_\_

4. My home address \_\_\_\_\_

5. Check one or both (for example, if one parent was advised and the other could not be located):

\_\_\_\_\_ I have advised the parent(s) or other person(s) having legal custody of the minor as to my intent to authorize medical care and have received no objection.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to contact the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) at this time to notify them of my intended authorization.

6. My date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

7. My state driver’s license or identification card number \_\_\_\_\_

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of this state that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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