

Caregiver Rights

- District needs to designate the homeless education liaison. Be sure each school registrar is aware of who this individual is so they can work with the student. The liaison will:
 - Help the student choose and enroll in a school
 - Assist with transportation
 - Assist with ensuring students receive services such as Head Start Programs; referrals to health, dental, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services and other appropriate services
 - Provide a list of legal and advocacy service providers in the area that can provide additional assistance during any part of the process
 - Determine if an educational surrogate parent is needed

- Enrolling School Responsibilities:
 - Must immediately contact the school last attended by the homeless student to obtain relevant academic or other records and must provide appropriate credit for full or partial coursework satisfactorily completed.
 - Student in need of immunization or other health records, must immediately refer the parent, guardian or unaccompanied youth to the liaison who will help obtain the immunizations, screenings or other required health records.
 - Records must be maintained and kept so that they are available in a timely fashion if the student enters a new school or district.
 - Have the caregiver complete a caregiver authorization form: this form authorizes the caregiver to:
 - Enroll the homeless student
 - Serve as the adult contact for the homeless student
 - Be notified of attendance
 - Serve as the medical emergency contact

- Caregiver Authorization form does not
 - Allow the caregiver to make educational decisions for the student
 - Allow the care giver to have access to student grades, discipline or other issues that may require an educational surrogate parent or the appointment of a guardian ad litem.