

McKinney-Vento Act

Thursday October 14, 2021

Direct Services

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- School enrollment & placement
- Emergency transportation
- School supplies, uniforms & fees
- Preschool support services
- Summer enrichment programs
- Parent workshops & conferences
- Agency referrals

Capacity Building

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- Building the skills of others to effectively address the needs of homeless children through a strong collaborative of:
- Homeless liaisons from each of the 133 school districts in our area of service
- Shelter providers
- Local universities through service-learning projects
- Knowledgeable interns and tutors from local schools and universities
- Presentations and trainings to raise awareness

Who Is Homeless? – Federal Guidelines

- The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines the term "homeless children and youths" as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The Pennsylvania Department of Education's Basic Education Circular (BEC) explains the categories of children who are "homeless" and entitled to the protections of the federal law.
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Categories

- 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; are abandoned in hospitals

Category 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

Category 3

- Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings

Category 4

- “Migratory children” who qualify as homeless under federal law because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii) above. The term "migratory children" means children who are (or whose parent(s) or spouse(s) are) migratory agricultural workers, including migratory dairy workers or migratory fishermen, and who have moved from one school district to another in the preceding 36 months, in order to obtain (or accompany such parents or spouses in order to obtain) temporary or seasonal employment in agricultural or fishing work

Category 5

- "Unaccompanied homeless youth" including any child who is "not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian." This includes youth who have run away from home, been thrown out of their home, been abandoned by parents or guardians, or separated from their parents for any other reason.

Resources for Parents

- **211 Help Line Center**
<http://helplinecenter.org/2-1-1-community-resources/what-is-211/>
- **412 Youth Zone**
<https://www.auberle.org/the-412-youth-zone>
- **CHIP 1-800-KIDS-101**
Free and low cost health insurance for kids
- **COMPASS PA**
<https://www.compass.state.pa.us>
- **Department of Human Services**
<http://www.dhs.pa.gov>
- **PA CareerLink 717-783-6238**
Help with finding a job
<http://www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us>
- **PA Department of Education**
<http://www.education.pa.gov>
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