



**McKinney-Vento
Homeless
Assistance
Act**

**Many families don't know that their current living situation qualifies them as homeless under federal law.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

- Under federal law, students qualify as homeless if the student and/or family is living:
 - in a house or apartment with more than one family **due to loss of housing or financial hardship**
 - in a rented room due to financial difficulties
 - in a shelter or transitional living program
 - in a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing
 - in substandard housing (without electricity, water or heat OR problems with mold or infestation)
 - in a car, RV, trailer, garage, shed, closet, or campsite

I qualify as homeless based on the information above. WHAT ARE MY STUDENTS' RIGHTS?

- Students have the right to:
 - Stay in their school if their living situation changes (if it is in the best interest of the student)
 - Be offered transportation to and from school of origin (if requested and qualified)
 - Immediate enrollment in school (if lacking proof of residency, proof of age, immunizations)
 - Qualification for school nutrition programs
 - Receive supports for academic success and participate fully in school activities and programs

WHO DO I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?

- First, contact your child's school and ask to speak with a teacher, counselor, principal or parent coordinator. The school may have supports and resources to help.
- Contact the District's Family Resource Centers; 831-540-8420. They may be able to provide you and/or your child with additional supports and resources. These may include:
 - Backpacks and school supplies for students (as available)
 - Clothing for students (as available)
 - Basic hygiene products and food bags (as available)
 - Referrals to outside agencies as determined by need
 - Help with getting birth certificates and CA Identification
 - Arranging transportation (if requested and qualified)
 - Enrollment assistance and advocacy

All information provided is confidential.