

**Consistency counts in education!
We can help provide a brighter future
for your children by keeping them in
their home school district.**



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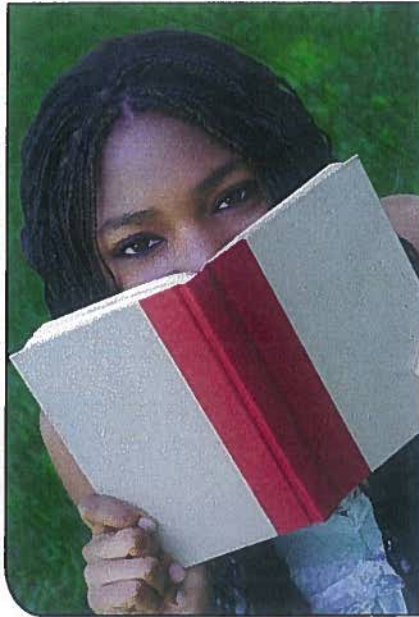
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Sometimes life presents us with challenges that affect our families. Even if you and your children are without a permanent home of your own, your children have the right to a stable education, and we can help put them on the path to success.

The **PA Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program (ECYEH)**, a free service, helps children get a consistent educational experience regardless of their housing situation. Whether you live with friends or family, live in a shelter or transitional facility, live in your vehicle, or any other arrangement, your children still have the right to attend your home school district or the closest school district to your current residence. Transportation

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assistance to your home school district can also be provided.

Because a good education is critical, your children should be enrolled in school immediately, even if you need help obtaining necessary documents, such as a birth certificate, health records, and residency verification papers. Your school has representatives who will help you through the entire process of getting your children the education they deserve.



Although the ECYEH program is not able to assist you with housing, your school representative may be able to help you obtain other forms of assistance, including free or low-cost health care, free school lunches, school supplies and uniforms, and more.

If you feel your children are not receiving the educational services to which they are entitled, you may request a meeting with school officials to discuss the situation. The school district will allow your children to attend classes until your meeting has taken place.

To learn more about how the PA Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program (ECYEH) can help your children receive a consistent, quality education, call us today at 800-510-2741.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act can help provide school stability for your child if you do not have a permanent home and are:

- Staying with friends or family because you lost housing;
- Living in a shelter, including transitional programs;
- Staying in motels because you cannot get your own home; or
- Living on the streets, in a car, van, tent or other non-permanent structure.

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School can be about more than learning; for some children it can be the most consistent thing in their lives, providing structure and a positive routine. School-age children and teens need to go to school, even if their families do not have a permanent place to live.

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