

HOMELESS FAMILIES

Families without Homes

Both Illinois and federal law define "homeless." Homeless or McKinney-Vento students include, but are not limited to children or youth who are:

- sharing the housing of other persons due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (commonly referred to as being "doubled up")
- 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
- are awaiting foster care placement
- are staying in public or private places not ordinarily used as sleeping accommodations
- are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings
- are otherwise not residing in a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

There is no specific time limit on how long a child or youth can be considered homeless. Whether a child or youth meets the definition of homeless depends on the living situation and the individual circumstances. If your student is homeless, please contact Dave Snyder, the Homeless Liaison, at 708-364-3319 or dsnyder@orland135.org.

Resources

- **Aunt Marthas Health Center Flyer**
- **How to Obtain Birth Certificates**
- **The Hub**
- **The Hub PDF**
- **Together We Cope**
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