

FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE

# REACH OUT

## For local assistance, contact:

- Dial 211
- Contact your local district's Liaison for Homeless Education at:  
Name: Josh Townsley  
Phone: (269) 445-6223  
Email: josh.townsley@hsisd.org
- Contact the regional McKinney-Vento Project Coordinator at Berrien RESA:  
Name: Sarah Dye  
Phone: (269) 471-7725 ext. 3271  
Email: Sarah.dye@berrienresa.org
- Contact the State Coordinator for Homeless Education Programs at the Michigan Department of Education:  
Name: Michelle Williams  
Phone: (517) 241-6977  
Email: WilliamsM48@michigan.gov

## For national assistance, contact:

- The National Center for Homeless Education:  
Phone: (800) 308-2145  
Email: homeless@serve.org



# MCKINNEY-VENTO

## HOMELESS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2001

What Parents & Students

# NEED TO KNOW

## If you or your family lives in any of these situations:



In a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground



On the street



In an abandoned building, trailer or other inadequate accommodations



Living with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

**You or your preschool-aged and school-aged children may qualify for certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.**

### Eligible students have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there. They must be given access to the same public education, including preschool education, provided to other students.
- Continue in the school they attended before they became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible. If a school sends the child to a school other than the one requested, the school must provide a written explanation and offer the right to appeal the decision.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before you or your family became homeless or the school last attended, if you or a guardian request such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the chosen school even while you and the school seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other students served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs.



## **WHEN YOU MOVE CONSIDER THESE TIPS...**

- Contact the school district's homeless education liaison for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school.
- Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances.
- Ask the district's homeless education liaison, the shelter provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies if needed.