

## Students Experiencing Homelessness

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines "homeless children and youths" as "individuals who lack a **fixed, regular, and adequate** nighttime residence."

However, because the circumstances of homelessness vary with each family's or unaccompanied youth's situation, determining the extent to which the family or youth fits the definition must be applied on a case-by-case basis.

### **You may qualify for homeless classification under the McKinney-Vento if you or your family lives:**

- Temporarily living in a motel or hotel due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason
- Staying in a family shelter, domestic violence shelter, youth shelter, or FEMA trailer
- Living in a car, park, campground, public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, or similar settings
- Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason
- Living alone as a minor student without an adult (Unaccompanied Youth); this includes youth who have:
  - run away from home
  - been abandoned or forced out of home by a parent, guardian, or other caretaker
  - been separated from a parent or guardian for another reason

### **Transportation Supports for Current CASD Students**

- **CASD Student who becomes Homeless and still resides in CASD:** Transportation can be provided to your child's current CASD school no matter where you are currently residing in the district. You also have the option of moving your student to the CASD school closest to your current residency arrangement.
- **CASD Student who becomes Homeless and no longer resides in CASD:** Transportation can be provided to your child's current CASD school as long as it is within reasonable distance from CASD. A Best Interest Determination (BID) meeting may be scheduled with your child's current district of residence if the distance between that district and CASD is considered to be an unreasonable distance from CASD. The BID meeting will result in a team decision that will determine the district of enrollment in the best interest of your child's continuity and quality of education.

### **Enrollment Supports for Students Moving to CASD**

If your child qualifies for homeless classification under McKinney-Vento in a district outside of CASD, you are entitled to continue to attend your current district while residing in CASD if the distance between the two districts is considered to be reasonable.

If you would rather enroll the student in CASD while residing in CASD, you can complete a registration either online or in-person. The required documents for registration may be waived until you have access to the documents (Proof of Age, Proof of Residency, and Immunization Records) to continue continuity of education for your student. For registration support, please email [registration@casdonline.org](mailto:registration@casdonline.org) or call 717-709-4084.

If you have questions about the homeless program, please contact our CASD Homeless Liaison at 717-658-0424.