

Homeless Education

Homeless children have the right to a free, appropriate public education
(McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001)

The Homeless Children's Initiative exists to help homeless children with a variety of services. A detailed description of the definition of homelessness and the rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness can be found [here](#). In addition, the McKinney-Vento Act defines an unaccompanied youth as “a homeless child or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian” (42 U.S.C. § 11434a(6)). This definition can be used to describe youth who are residing with a caregiver who is not a parent or guardian as well as youth who are living without the care of an adult. More information about the rights of unaccompanied youth can be found [here](#).

If you are experiencing housing instability with school or preschool children or are an unaccompanied youth, please contact your school counselor or **Julie O’Malley, District Liaison**, who can provide support and assistance.

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Additional Links:

The Department of Education Basic Education Circular - Education of Homeless Youth
(Reviewed 2016)

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/education/resources/policies-acts-and-laws/basic-education-circulars-becs/us-code/education-for-homeless-youth.html>

School Policy 251- Students Experiencing Homelessness (9/17/2024)

<https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/lmor/Board.nsf/Public#>

[Your Way Home](#) - Montgomery County PA

211 - 211 provides callers with information about and referrals to social services for every day needs and in times of crisis.

Phone: 211 www.211.org

[Foodfinder.us](#) - a nonprofit website and app (for iOS or Android) that offers the location and contact information of more than 40,000 food pantries and similar food programs across the country