

MCKINNEY-VENTO NEWSLETTER



Meet the Team

MEGAN ROSS-ESPINOSA - ADAMS CENTRAL

My name is Megan Ross-Espinosa, and I serve as the McKinney-Vento Liaison and School Social Worker for Adams Central Community Schools. This is my seventh year as the McKinney-Vento Liaison and my eighth year supporting students' mental health, social, and emotional needs. I am also a registered Play Therapist and enjoy incorporating play and art into my work with students. My goal is to create a safe and supportive environment where students feel encouraged and equipped to have a positive school experience.



TAYLOR OLIVER - NORTH ADAMS

Hi! My name is Mrs. Oliver and I am the McKinney Vento Liaison for North Adams Community Schools. I am also the Adams County Consortium Coordinator. This will be my 7th school year at North Adams as the Student Support Specialist and Liaison. I have three children, 2 girls and 1 boy. My goal as a liaison is break down any barriers that a student needs to be successful academically, mentally, and socially.



SHEILA GRABER - SOUTH ADAMS

Hi! My name is Mrs. Graber and I am the McKinney Vento Liaison for South Adams Schools. I have been the School Counselor for 17 years and the McKinney Vento Liaison for 10 years. I have been married to my husband Marc for 37 years and we have 2 daughters and 3 grandkids. The best part about being a liaison is helping families understand it's okay to get help until they get back on their feet.



What is McKinney Vento?

McKinney-Vento is a law that makes sure kids and teens can keep going to school even if their family is going through a hard time with housing.

This means that if a family has to move a lot, stay with relatives, lives in a shelter, a motel, or somewhere else that isn't permanent, the children still have the right to:

Go to school everyday : without being turned away because they don't have a fixed address

Stay in the same school : Even if they move out of the neighborhood, if that's what's best for them

Get transportation to school: If needed, so they do not lose their friends or teachers
Receive extra help: like free meals, school supplies, or clothes for gym if needed.

The Goal

The goal of McKinney-Vento is to give kids stability, routine, and support so they can keep learning and feel safe, even if home feels uncertain.



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