

Children experiencing housing instability have the right to a stable education. We can help.

ECYEH

EDUCATION FOR
CHILDREN & YOUTH
EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS

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**Consistency counts
in education!**

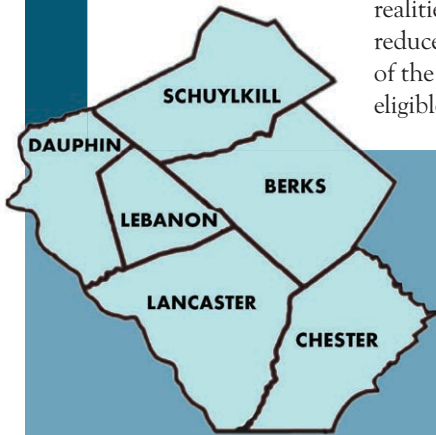




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The Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) program is an initiative of the Pennsylvania Department of Education based on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. This federal legislation guarantees that children and youth experiencing housing instability can access a free, appropriate, public education. The ECYEH Program in Region 2 serves Berks, Chester, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, and Schuylkill counties and is administered by the Berks County Intermediate Unit. Through our collaboration with local schools and community partners, we address educational barriers faced by families and unaccompanied youth. We

educate the public about the realities of homelessness, aiming to reduce stigma and raise awareness of the federal rights that protect eligible students.



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MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT

Children and youth are eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Act if they have been displaced from their homes and live in a place that is not fixed, regular, and adequate. This can include a temporary residence in:

- The housing of others due to a loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reasons.
- A place not designated as regular sleeping accommodation, such as a vehicle, park, hotel, or campground.
- A shelter or transitional housing program.
- A temporary location without their parent/guardian as an unaccompanied youth.
- Any of the situations listed above as the child of a migrant, refugee, or other immigrant.

Every public school, including brick-and-mortar districts, charter schools, and cyber-charter schools, has a designated McKinney-Vento liaison to identify and support eligible children and youth.

To find your school's McKinney-Vento contact, visit

<https://directory.center-school.org/homeless>



YOUR RIGHTS

The McKinney-Vento Act affords eligible children and youth, educational rights which include the right to:

1. Continue attending their current school, OR transfer to the school where they are temporarily housed.
2. Enroll immediately, even if lacking the paperwork normally required.
3. Receive transportation to and from school and school-sponsored extracurriculars.
4. Participate in all applicable school programs, including supplemental services and special education.
5. Receive free school meals.
6. Receive assistance with school-related expenses such as supplies, clothing/uniforms, etc.
7. Remain free from stigmatization by school personnel.
8. Receive information about resources available to you, if requested.
9. Initiate a dispute for eligibility or school selection determinations made by the school.





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The Region 2 ECYEH office is here to support you.

CONTACT US IF YOU NEED:

- Help with school enrollment and advocacy for school stability.
- Information on community referrals.
- Training and outreach for schools, communities, parents, etc.



For assistance or for more information, contact:

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