



# McKinney-Vento

## What is meant by “Doubling Up” under the McKinney-Vento Act

### “Doubling Up” Experiencing Homelessness

#### Loss of Housing



- Eviction: unable to pay bills
- Serious damage to home
- Unhealthy conditions; pest, infestation, domestic violence, drug/alcohol abuse in home

#### Sharing Due to Hardship



- No legal right to be in the home; host can be evicted
- Can be asked to leave at any time without legal recourse
- Moved into the home as an urgent measure to avoid being in shelters or on the street
- Living situation is intended to be temporary

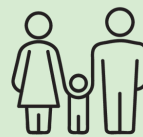
### Sharing Housing Not Experiencing Homelessness

#### Fixed, Regular, Adequate Housing



- Used on a regular, nightly basis
- Family has keys to residence and is free to come and go as they please
- Enough space for everyone

#### Sharing Housing as a Choice



- Intent of sharing is long-term
- Moved in together to share a home and expenses
- Sharing home equally - not just guests at home
- Family not in fear of being asked to leave or kicked out

## Cultural Considerations of Doubled Up

Just because multigenerational families may be cultural, homeless liaisons still must evaluate each situation individually.

*Shared housing and multigenerational living situations - questions to consider:*

- Who is included on the lease?
- Who is contributing to the household costs?
- Is the living arrangement for everyone’s mutual benefit?
- Are any members of the household looking for their own place to live?
- Was one family already living in the space and another family moved in?

*The McKinney-Vento Act defines the term “homeless children and youth” as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. For more information contact Ameer Dulmes (adulmes@sasd.net), Sheboygan Area School District’s McKinney-Vento Liaison.*

