

Students Experiencing Homelessness



If your family lives in any of the following situations:



In a shelter



In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation



In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station



Living with family or friends due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Your eligible children have the right to:

- **Free Public Education:** Right to a free, appropriate public education.
- **Immediate Enrollment:** Right to enroll immediately, even without typical paperwork, academic records, or guardianship documentation.
- **School Choice:** Right to attend the local neighborhood school or continue at their school of origin (the school attended before becoming homeless or where last enrolled).
- **Transportation:** Right to transportation to and from the school of origin upon request.
- **Comparable Services:** Access to services provided to other students, including free school meals, Title I, gifted/talented programs, and career/technical education.
- **Specialized & Early Programs:** Access to programs they qualify for, such as special education, Head Start, early intervention, and preschool supports.
- **Barrier Removal:** Elimination of barriers to guarantee full participation in school-sponsored activities and programs.
- **Dispute Resolution:** Right to a written explanation and formal appeal process if a district decision regarding identification, enrollment, or school choice is contested.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.

Liaison Contact Information:

Lisa Way

School Social Worker

KRESA District Homelessness Liaison

269-250-9423



**KALAMAZOO
RESA** | Transforming
Futures