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McKinney-Vento Act Information

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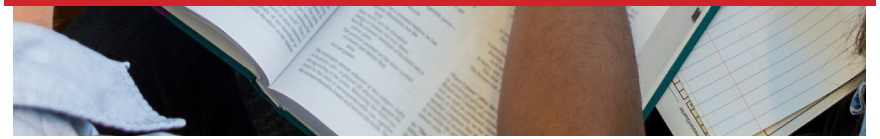

Who Is considered homeless?

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children and youth as follows:

- Individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence

This includes children who are:

- Sharing housing due to loss of housing or economic hardship (or doubled up)
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to lack of adequate alternative housing
- Living in emergency or transitional housing
- Unaccompanied/Displaced Youth
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Living in cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, etc.
- Migratory children who are living in the situations described above

Liaison Responsibilities

- Help with the enrollment process (including working with parents and schools to get missing documentation)
- Provide school supplies and backpacks
- Place student(s) on free breakfast/lunch
- Provide hygiene products
- Set up transportation for students living out of district
- Connect parents with area resources
- Set up EDP services for McKinney-Vento students as needed (before/after care)
- Record keeping of students receiving McKinney-Vento services
- Educate all school staff about the McKinney-Vento Act and district resources
- Provide other resources as available
- Assists Unaccompanied Youth with filling out the FAFSA

School personnel who can assist with students and information:

- Counselors
- Principals/Assistant Principals
- School social workers
- Nurses
- Registrars/Enrollment staff

If you have a student that you think may be homeless, refer the student or parent to the Homeless Liaison. The Homeless Liaison will contact the family. The needs of the family will be determined. If the student is unaccompanied, the liaison will meet with the student to find out where he/she is staying and any other needs the student might have.

Unaccompanied/Displaced Youth

An unaccompanied or displaced youth is a homeless youth not residing with a parent or legal guardian. Some examples of situations that can lead to a homeless unaccompanied/displaced youth are as follows:

- Incarcerated parent
- Abandonment
- Parents' deportation
- Parent(s) kicked the student out of the home
- Parent(s) deceased
- Parent(s) are homeless and the student must stay with someone else
- Students who are couch surfing

Unaccompanied/displaced youth have the right to stay at their school of origin and may qualify for college grants through the FAFSA.