

Who is Homeless??

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001 (Title x, Part C, of the No Child Left Behind Act-Sec 725) provides educational assistance to homeless children who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes children or youths:

- Sharing housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason;
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations;
- Abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
- That have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation;
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings;
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances that constitute homelessness.

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children in homeless situations have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there
- Attend either the local school or the school of origin, if this is in their best interest; the school of origin is the school the child attended when s/he was permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled.
- Attend school with children not experiencing homelessness, without segregation because of their homeless situation.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin.
- Enroll in school immediately without barriers (i.e. even if missing normally required records such as birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records or immunization/medical records).
- Enroll, attend classes, and participate in all school activities while the school sorts out any disputes.

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