

McKinney-Vento Homeless Notes: Turkey Ford - Olivia Plant - Homeless Liaison



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NCHE operates the U.S. Department of Education's technical assistance center for the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program

Children or youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters, or are abandoned in hospitals*
- Living in a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
- Migratory children living in the above circumstances

Housing Considerations:

- Does the housing lack one of the fundamental utilities: water, electricity, or heat?
- Is the housing infested with vermin or mold?
- Does the housing lack a basic functional part such as a working kitchen or a working toilet?

National School Data: 75% Doubled up, 14 % Shelters, 7% Hotels/Motels, 3% Unsheltered Children identified as homeless must be enrolled immediately, given free lunch for the remainder of the school year and transportation to and from school, the same as other students.

The term unaccompanied youth includes a homeless child or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Example: M-V Eligible Unaccompanied Youth and HL:

1. The student meets the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless (the student is lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence)
2. The student meets the definition of unaccompanied (the student is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian)

Example: Unaccompanied Youth but not HL:

1. For any child or youth, including an unaccompanied child or youth, to be eligible for McKinney-Vento services, his/her living arrangement must meet the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless
2. A guardianship issue alone (without homelessness) does not convey McKinney-Vento eligibility

Student does not meet the MV definition of HL (student is not lacking a **fixed, regular, and adequate** nighttime residence) but student does not live with parents, this a guardianship issue it is not Homeless.

Example: youth living with their grandparent.