

# INFORMATION

## FOR SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH, UNDER 21



### IF YOU LIVE(D) IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS, since summer:

- Living with other people due to a lack of money and / or affordable housing
- Teenagers living with friends, extended family, strangers or enemies... without parents / legal guardians all the time or sometimes...
- Inadequate housing, such as not having consistent water, electricity, heat and / or extensive mold, mice, holes, broken windows...
- Shelter, transitional housing, motel, campground, forest, park, outdoors, car, abandoned building, anything not a home...due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation

### Educational rights under the federal McKinney-Vento Act, eligible students have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education. All general school fees waived!
- Automatic free meals. Connect with a counselor.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required. As a teen, enroll immediately if not connected to parent / legal guardian.
- Youth, unaccompanied, seniors get FAFSA Independent status for college!
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is their preference.
  - \* If the school district declines enrollment, a written explanation of its position and inform the student of her / his right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the students' needs.

*If you believe you may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available.*



Local Liaison

State Coordinator