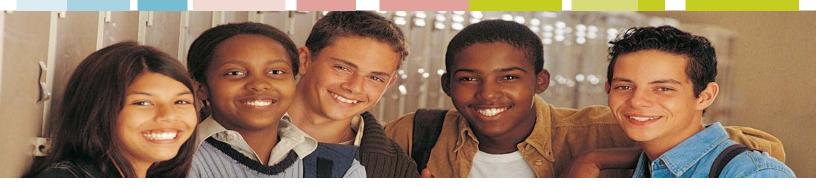
## INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL-ÅGE YOUTH, under 21



## 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.

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