

# FY18 Liaison McKinney-Vento Training

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# McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

- What are their rights
- Identification
- School Stability
- School Enrollment
- Support for academic Success



# What are their Rights?

- The education for Homeless Children and Youth program, as part of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act ensures homeless children the right to:
  - A free, appropriate public education.
  - Choose either to stay in the school of origin or nearest shelter or temporary home.
  - Immediate enrollment even when medical records cannot be produced at the time of enrollment.
  - Receive assistance with transportation if needed.
  - A priority to preschool programs



# Identification

- Lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.
  - Doubled up
  - Living in motels
  - Living in emergency or transitional shelters.
  - Living in public or private place not designed for human living.
  - Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus/train stations, or similar settings.



# Determining Eligibility

- Case-by-case determination.



- NCHE's Determining Eligibility
- [https://nche.ed.gov/downloads/briefs/det\\_elig.pdf](https://nche.ed.gov/downloads/briefs/det_elig.pdf)



# School Stability

- **Each LEA shall, according to each child's or youth's best interest:**
  - Continue the student's education in the school of origin for the duration of homelessness, and until the end of the academic year in which the student becomes permanently housed; Or
  - Enroll in any public school that housed students living where the student is living are eligible to attend.



# School Stability (cont.)

- Local Liaisons Must
  - Assist homeless children and youth who do not have immunizations or medical records.
  - Help unaccompanied youth
  - Ensure that unaccompanied youth are enrolled in school immediately.
  - Collaborate and coordinate with State Coordinators for Homeless Education.



# Transportation

- LEAs must provide transportation to and from the school/preschool of origin until the end of the school year.
- If staying in the same LEA, that LEA must provide or arrange transportation to the school of origin.
- If crossing LEA lines, both LEAs must determine how to divide the responsibility and share the cost, or they must share the cost equally.

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/50-27-homeless-transportation.pdf>



# Transportation

- Transportation must be arranged promptly to ensure immediate enrollment and not create barriers to attendance, retention or success.
- Comparable to other students
- Districts should use a team approach in developing transportation policies and procedures; the team should include the transportation director, local liaison, neighboring school districts, and service providers, as appropriate



# School Enrollment

- McKinney-Vento students are entitled to immediate enrollment in any public school that students living in the same attendance area are eligible to attend; even if:
  - Students do not have required documents
  - Students have missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness.



# School Enrollment (cont.)

- Attending classes and participating fully in school activities.
- LEAs must develop a plan to remove barriers.



# Set Aside \$

- Title I, Part A funds must comply with new requirements , including mandatory set-aside funds to serve families in transition.
  - To be determined by each individual district.
  - Districts need to reserve funds to provide services to families in transition, comparable to services being provided to children in Title I, Part A schools.
  - Four possible methods to determine set-aside funds.



# Group Activity

- Various Issues/Concerns For Families in Transition
- Determining different resources for families in transition.