



The McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Children and youth experiencing homelessness means children and youth who are otherwise legally entitled to be eligible for a free public education; including preschool, and lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including:

- Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reasons; are living in motels, hotels, or campgrounds.
- Grounds or trailer parks due to lack of alternative adequate

accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement.

- Place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- Children and youth who are living in a car, park, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station, or similar setting; and migratory children and youth living in a situation described above
- Sharing housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship of similar reason
- Migratory children living in homeless situations

A child or youth shall be considered to be experiencing homelessness for as long as he or she is in a living situation as defined above.

Definitions:

- Unaccompanied youth means a youth not in physical custody of a parent or guardian, who is experiencing homelessness as defined above.
- Enroll and enrollment means attending school and participating fully in school activities.
- Immediate means without delay.
- Parent means a person having legal or physical custody of a child or youth.
- School of origin means the school of the child or youth attending when permanently housed, or the school in

which the child or youth was last enrolled.

- Liaison is the staff person designated by the LEAs as the person responsible for carrying out the duties assigned to the liaison by the McKinney Vento Act.

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Coordination

- All MCS employees receive yearly training on reporting to liaisons children and youth that meet the definition of homeless
- Liaisons meet with appropriate representative of reported children and youth and make a determination if eligibility criteria is met

- Liaisons meet with family representatives and MCS staff to determine appropriate services
- Services may include but are not limited to:
 - Vision/Dental Services
 - Referral for appropriate services such as ESOL, Migrant, Special Education, and/or Preschool
 - School Supplies
 - Clothing items that meet school requirements
 - Tutoring
 - Counseling

If your living situation lacks fixed, regular, and adequate accommodation, the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance act may benefit you and your child

A fixed residence is one that is stationary, permanent, and not subject to change due to hardship

Local school systems ensure that children and youth identified as homeless receive transportation to and from the school of origin

Services for homeless children and youth will not be delayed due to incomplete records transfer, immunizations, or registration information

