

## What Families Need to Know Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children in homeless situations have the right to:

- Enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in school.
- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there. Remain at their school of origin or attend the local school where they reside, if they choose.
- Attend either the local school or the school of origin, if this is in their best interest.
- When your child completes the final grade level at their school of origin, they may also attend the designated receiving school at the next level. This is called a feeder school.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if missing records and documents normally required for enrollment such as birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records.
- To participate in extracurricular activities and all federal, state, or local programs for which he/she is eligible.



**Children love to dream...  
Homeless children simply dream  
of having homes.**

## What Your Family Can Do Before You Move

- Tell your child's teacher and principal that your child is moving, and give them the new address.
- Let school officials know if you want your child to stay in his/her home school while you are getting the family stabilized.
- Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations.

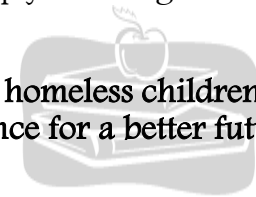


### Tips for Families Who Move Often

- Keep a copy of birth certificates and school records accessible.
- Safeguard all health and immunization records.
- Have a reliable person to keep a second copy of the child's birth certificate, school records, and health information.
- Enroll children in school as soon as possible.

## At School, Ask About These Special Services

- Free breakfast and lunch programs
- Free transportation services
- Special transportation for children to remain in their home school
- Special education programs, especially if the student has previously received special education services.
- Tutoring services
- Programs to help children learn English
- Gifted or talented programs
- Summer school programs
- Pre-school programs
- After-school programs
- Homeless assistance programs
- FAFSA assistance for unaccompanied youth looking to apply for college.



**Schools give homeless children hope and a  
chance for a better future.**

### Special Education

Children with special needs between the ages of 2 and 21 are eligible to receive a free, appropriate education provided through the public school system. Children with some disabilities are eligible for services from birth. Parents who believe their child may be eligible should request an educational evaluation by contacting their child's school or the school division.

## Definition of Homeless

Anyone who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and lives:

- In emergency or transitional shelters
- In motels, hotels, trailer parks, or campgrounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations or are abandoned in hospitals.
- In cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, substandard housing, abandoned buildings, or similar settings.
- Doubled up with relatives or friends due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.
- Migratory children living in these conditions.



## Agency Information List

The following contacts may be useful resources for homeless families with children:

### Health Care—AIDS Hotline for Teens

Provides information on AIDS for teenagers by other teenagers. 800-342-AIDS

**Hill Burton Free Hospital Care** (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) Information and referral to facilities that provide free medical care. 800-638-0742

**Medicare Hotline** (Federal Health Care Financing Administration) 800-633-4227

**NAEHCY** is a national membership association dedicated to educational excellence for children and youth experiencing homelessness. 855-446-2673

**National Association for the Education of Young Children** Answers questions concerning the education of children ages 0-8 years. 800-424-2460

**Social Security Administration Hotline** Assists individuals applying for benefits. 800-772-1213

**National Runaway Switchboard** 800-621-4000

**Child Help USA Hotline** Counselors available to talk with pre-teens about their problems with child abuse, runaway teens, and high-risk behavior. 800-422-4453

Local  
Homeless Education  
Liaison:

Maslow Project  
541-608-6868

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**YOUR  
CHILD'S  
EDUCATION**



Where there's  
**HOPE**

