

Parent Guide for Education for Children & Youth Experiencing Homelessness

McKinney-Vento Rights and Supports

ECYEH Region 3's Commitment Our team is committed to providing assistance with coordination and collaboration of services to ensure each student experiencing homelessness has the opportunity to succeed in school.

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in local school; or continue attending the school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference.

Note: If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.

- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

Eligibility for McKinney-Vento Services

If your family lives

- In a shelter
- In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation
- In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station
- Doubled-up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your child may be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney Vento Act.

See How ECYEH Can Help

Our Goal

- Ensure that all children and youth experiencing homelessness enroll, participate, and have the opportunity to succeed in school
- Ensure children and youth experiencing homelessness receive a free and appropriate public education on an equal basis
- Eliminate and/or reduce educational barriers through the use of local "best practices" and the authorized activities of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act
- Reduce the disruption in the educational lives of children and youth experiencing homelessness
- Increase awareness about the nature and extent of the problems children and youth experiencing homelessness have enrolling in and gaining access to educational programs
- Explain and build on the laws and policies already in place, which overcome these barriers

ECYEH Can Assist With

- Tracking/transferring school records
- Help you access educational programs
- Problem solving
- Meetings with you and the school when necessary
- Outreach visits
- School related items
- Training and education Increasing public awareness of homelessness

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