**MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS INFORMATION**

**The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, ensures the educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness.**

 **Homelessness is defined as:**

* **Having a lack of fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes**
* **children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reasons;**
* **children or youth living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;**
* **children or youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;**
* **children or youth living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.**

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