

# McKinney-Vento Homeless Information

The McKinney-Vento Act places a strong emphasis on the importance of school stability for students experiencing homelessness and is designed to address the challenges that these students face in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school.

## Who are Homeless Children and Youth?

The Definition of Homeless The McKinney-Vento definition of the term “homeless children and youths”—

(A) Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence...; and includes—

- (i) Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
- (ii) Children and youths 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 a human being;
- (iii) Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- (iv) Migratory children who qualify as homeless for this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii)

Eligibility for McKinney-Vento services is dependent on the criteria of "fixed, adequate, and regular" being met. If the primary nighttime residence does not meet all criteria of being "fixed, adequate, and regular," then eligibility for services can be denied. Homeless Liaison will work with families experiencing transition and determination will be made on a case-by case basis.

## How Wayne County Schools Can Help

Wayne County Schools works to provide necessary resources, supports and referrals to help homeless children and youth to be successful in school and have a positive school experience. Services offered may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assistance with the school enrollment process and paperwork
- Help with school issues, questions or concerns
- Community resource information
- Assistance with obtaining birth certificates, immunization records and school records
- Referrals for medical and mental health services
- School supplies and backpacks
- Assistance with food and clothing
- Transportation to school and school related events/activities

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