

# Does Your Child Qualify for McKinney-Vento Services?

If your family lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, your child has protected educational rights.



## Doubled-Up

Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.



## Temporary Accommodations

Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations.



## Emergency/Transitional

Living in emergency or transitional shelters, or abandoned in hospitals.



## Unsheltered

Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, public spaces, substandard housing, or bus/train stations.

# Core Rights for Your Child's Education

## Immediate Enrollment

- Enroll instantly without delay.
- No need for documents normally required: birth certificates, previous school transcripts, immunization/medical records, or proof of residence.

## School Choice & Continuity

- Choose what is best: remain in the School of Origin (where they last attended, even if you now live outside district boundaries) or enroll in the local school.
- Protection: If the district disagrees with your choice, they must provide a written explanation and inform you of your right to appeal.

## Access & Support

- Free transportation to and from the school of origin (if requested).
- Free school meals.
- Full participation in all school programs, activities, and supplemental services.



*“Through it all, school is probably the only thing that has kept me going... I can stop thinking about my problems for the next six hours and concentrate on what is most important to me.”*

**– Formerly Homeless Student**

# Your Action Plan & Support Network

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## Step 1: Reach Out

Call your current or desired school district's main office and ask to speak to the McKinney-Vento Local Liaison.



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## Step 2: Enroll Immediately

Do not wait for paperwork. Your child can enroll and attend classes right away while the school gathers missing documents.



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## Step 3: Partner Together

Get to know at least one teacher and the school counselor to ensure your child's academic, health, and social needs are supported.



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