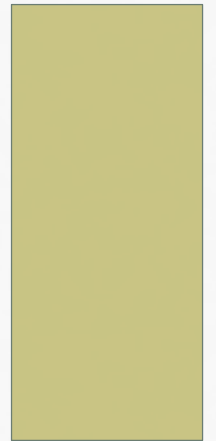


HOMELESS EDUCATION SERVICES

ARCH MEETING

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MCKINNEY VENTO ACT

- The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children as "**individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.**" The act provides examples of children who would fall under this definition:
 - sharing housing due to loss of housing, **economic hardship** or a similar reason
 - living in motels, hotels, trailer parks (in certain circumstances), or camp grounds
 - living in emergency or transitional shelters
 - abandoned in hospitals
 - primary nighttime residence is not ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation (e.g. park benches, etc.)
 - living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations
 - Migratory children and youth living in any of the above situations

HOW DO WE DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY?

- Case Manager/Homeless Liaison meet with family
- Allowable questions are asked:
 - *Where does the family sleep at night?*
 - *Is this a permanent residence?*
 - *Where would you be if you couldn't stay there?*
 - *Can you afford housing on your own at this time?*
 - *What caused you to move from your previous residence to where you are currently residing?*
- Family completes application packet
 - Allowable documentation is collected
- Enrollment letter is issued to school site/local CCAP office

SERVICES WE PROVIDE/ ASSIST WITH

- Determine eligibility
- **Immediate** school enrollment
- Assistance with obtaining records
- Provide uniforms/basic school supplies
- Complete/submit lunch application
- Pay for P.E. uniform fees, field trip fees, graduation expenses (up to \$125.00), specialized class fees (family/con science, art, woodworking, metal workshop, ROTC)
- Transportation, if attending school of origin

WHO DOES NOT QUALIFY?

- Fiancées/Boyfriends/Girlfriends sharing housing
- Grandparent raising grandchildren permanently
- Sharing a household with another person (utility bill is in the other person's name); each person contributing financially to the household expenses
- Name is on the lease at the residence (even if utility bill is in another person's name)
- Family's residence **becomes** fixed, regular, and adequate

HOMELESS UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

- A youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, **due to** loss of family housing, parent request to leave the residence, or an unsafe environment (abuse, limited space, etc.).
- His or her primary nighttime residence must meet the definition of **homeless** (lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence)
- Cannot require the Caregiver to seek legal custody or guardianship
- When possible, a responsible adult will sign off as Caregiver (allows for school decisions and school-related medical decisions)

HOMELESS UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH VERSUS UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

- **Homeless** Unaccompanied Youth:
 - Kicked out of family residence
 - Chose to leave family residence due to environment (drugs/alcohol/abuse)
 - Parent is unable to care for child (financially/physically)
- Unaccompanied Youth:
 - Moves out to attend a different school
 - Prior arrangement made between parent and caregiver
 - Job Transfer/Short Term Medical Procedure
 - Parent continues to provide financial support
(student does **not** qualify for Homeless; refer to Child Welfare & Attendance)

ENROLLMENT COUNT BY CATEGORY

2017-2018

- Doubled Up: 569 (36 flood)
- Shelters: 107
- Hotels/Motels: 95 (28 flood)
- Unsheltered/
Substandard Housing: 13
- Unaccompanied Youth: 256

COMMUNITY REFERRALS

- Families who do not qualify
 - Community Referrals (Food, Clothing, Medical)
 - List of resources
 - Housing Referrals
 - Adult Education

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