Information for Parents

If your family lives in any of the following situations:

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- On the street
- In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

Then, your preschool-aged and school-aged children have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.

Your children have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. They must be given access to the same public education, including preschool education, provided to other children.
- Continue in the school they attended before you became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible. If a school sends your child to a school other than the one you request, the school must provide you with a written explanation and offer you the right to appeal the decision.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before your family became homeless or the school they last attended, if you or a guardian request such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might account or delay

When you move, you should do:

- Contact the school district’s local liaison education (see phone number below) you child in a new school or arranging continue in his or her former school, shelter, social services office, or the school to the person you need to contact.
- Contact the school and provide any in will assist the teachers in helping your new circumstances.
- Ask the local liaison for homeless edu provider, or a social worker for assista and supplies, if needed.

Local Area Contact:

State Coordinator:
Use the following:

- Information for homeless
- Assistance for help in enrolling
- Guidance for your child to

(Or, someone at a school can direct you)

- Information you think
- Help your child adjust to

- Education, the shelter
  - Shelter assistance with clothing

Contacts:

   

Locator:
Cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.

- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs.

If you need further assistance, contact the National Center for Homeless Education at the toll-free HelpLine:

1-800-308-2
In case of balance, call the
Homeless Education
Intake number:
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