Homeless Student Program

The McKinney-Vento Assistance Act provides certain rights and protections for families experiencing homelessness.

According to McKinney-Vento, anyone who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence is homeless.

Homelessness includes anyone:

- Living in an emergency shelter.
- Abandoned in hospitals or in foster care.
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or campgrounds due to lack of alternative adequate
- accommodations.
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, bus or train stations or similar settings.
- "Doubled up" living with friends or family due to the loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason.
- "Unaccompanied youth", under the age of 18, living without a parent or guardian.
- Migratory children living in these conditions.

Homeless children have the right to attend school where they live or continue school where they became homeless, and receive transportation free. They have a right to receive free breakfast and lunch programs and after-school tutoring with free transportation to those schools offering these services. For further information, to make referrals or if you have questions regarding services for families experiencing homelessness, please call:

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