



Homeless Liasion

The Education for Homeless Children and Youth program is authorized under the Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, most recently re-authorized in December 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The McKinney-Vento Act mandates state action to ensure that homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free and appropriate public education as their non-homeless counterparts.

Definition of a Homeless Child/Youth

- A homeless child or youth ages 3-21;
- A child who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes the following:
 - A child who is sharing the housing of others (includes doubled-up families) due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; is living in a motel, hotel, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations; is living in an emergency or transitional shelter; is abandoned in a hospital
 - A child who has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
 - A child who is living in a car, park, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station, or similar setting; or
 - A migratory child/youth who qualifies as homeless because of the living circumstances described above
 - Includes youth who have run away or youth being forced to leave home.

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