

Hope Public Schools

McKinney Vento Homeless Program

Dear Community Members,

Do you know a student or family that may be in need of assistance? Many families in Hope have found themselves to be families in transition without a place to call home. The Hope Public Schools is committed to assisting all homeless students in receiving the best education possible.

As part of our support to the families in this community we are asking that you give these referral forms to homeless families in our community who need them.

We appreciate your support and help in better serving students in our district. You may also assist the family by helping them to return this form or contact:

Homeless Liaison
Dr. Linda Clark at Hope School District,
Yerger Middle School Annex Building
870-722-2700 Ext. 24 or, 870-703-5848

Information regarding the McKinney-Vento Act that defines homeless children and youth (twenty-one years of age and younger) as:

Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes children and youth who are:

- sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as doubled-up);
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative, adequate accommodations;
- living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- abandoned in hospitals

Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings. Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.

Thank you for your support, Dr. Linda Clark