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The Educational Rights of Children and Youth in Homeless & Transitional Housing Situations



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WHAT IS THE MCKINNEY- VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT?

The federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act was created to ensure that homeless children and youth have access to the same opportunities as non-homeless students so they can be successful in school.

Children and Youth experiencing homelessness and transitional housing situations face many barriers to education, such as:

- ✦ Delayed enrollment
- ✦ High numbers of school transfers
- ✦ Lack of school supplies and clothing
- ✦ Poor health, fatigue, and hunger
- ✦ Prejudice and misunderstanding

The term "homeless children and youth" refers to Children and Youth who lack a "fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence" and includes the following possible living situations:

- ✦ Sharing the housing of friends/other family members (i.e. doubled up) due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason and have no other place to live
- ✦ In a shelter, including domestic abuse shelters
- ✦ In a motel/hotel or unsheltered (i.e. living in a car, campground, park, etc.) due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- ✦ In abandoned buildings, train stations, substandard housing, or spaces not designed for regular sleeping accommodations
- ✦ Awaiting permanent foster care placement
- ✦ Temporarily staying with friends/family other than with their parents/guardians (unaccompanied youth)
- ✦ Unable to live with their parents due to conflict or for other reasons, such as being a runaway, kicked out or parents are incarcerated(unaccompanied youth)
- ✦ Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in similar circumstances listed above

The **McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program** provides a variety of services to Lawton Public School students who are living in homeless situations, including:

Enrollment Assistance

Free Breakfast & Lunch

Transportation to the school of origin

School supply assistance

School uniform assistance

Summer school tuition

ACT fees

Cap & Gown

LATS bus passes

Only available through donations:

Hygiene items

Birth certificate obtainment

School clothing

Liaison Services:

Student advocacy

Community referrals