



# McKinney-Vento Program Parents/Unaccompanied Youth Rights

## If you or your family is temporarily living 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 and youth have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.**

### Your children/youth 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 your child last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible. If a school sends your child to a school other than the school of origin, 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. (Must be 2.5 miles or more)
- Attend school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children cannot be separated from the regular school programs because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools 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 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

### When you move, you should do the following:

- Contact the school district’s homeless education liaison (see phone number below) for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school. (Or someone at a shelter, social services office, or the school can direct you to the person you need to contact.)
- Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances.
- Ask the local homeless education liaison, shelter provider or a school social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.

I have read and understand the McKinney-Vento Rights.

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| Parent/Youth Signature | Date   |
| _____                  | _____  |
| Student                | School |
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(Please attach to ERQ form)