

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Title X, Part C of No Child Left Behind)

WHO ARE HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH?

**Children and youth that lack a
fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.**

This includes children & youth who:

- ◆ Share housing with other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- ◆ Live in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- ◆ Live in emergency or transitional shelters
- ◆ Are abandoned in hospitals
- ◆ Are awaiting foster care placement
- ◆ Have a primary nighttime residence that is not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- ◆ Live in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
- ◆ Are migratory children living in the aforementioned circumstances
- ◆ Are unaccompanied youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian who are living in the aforementioned circumstances

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VISIT COLORADO'S MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION WEBPAGE AT:
http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprevention/homeless_index.htm

Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youth



Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there;



Choose between the local school where they are living, the school they attended before they lost their housing, or the school where they were last enrolled;



Enroll in school immediately, without proof of residency, immunizations, school records, or other documents;



Get transportation to their school of origin;



Get the school services they need;



Be free from harassment and isolation; and



Have disagreements with the school settled quickly.