

McKinney-Vento

HOW COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS CAN HELP HOMELESS STUDENTS AND YOUTH ACCESS SERVICES IN SCHOOL

Students eligible under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence

STEP 1



SHARE MCKINNEY-VENTO INFORMATION:

Provide parents/guardians or unaccompanied youth with information about the McKinney-Vento (M-V) Act. Free M-V posters can be ordered at: <http://www.nchehelpline.org/orders/new>

STEP 2



CONNECT PARENT OR YOUTH WITH HOMELESS LIAISON

Contact information for all U.P. district homeless liaisons can be found at: <https://goo.gl/ML3vWf>

STEP 3



MAKE A REFERRAL TO SCHOOL

Obtain written permission from parent/guardian and make a referral to homeless liaison in school district. M-V Referral Form with parent release of information can be found at: <https://goo.gl/3LFGib>.

For more information go to www.maresa.org or www.michigan.gov/homeless

MCKINNEY-VENTO OVERVIEW

Students may be eligible for McKinney-Vento services if they meet any of the following conditions:

- Are “doubled up” or sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing or economic hardship.
- Staying in a shelter.
- Staying in transitional housing (awaiting permanent housing).
- Awaiting foster care/temporary foster care placement, or currently in the first six months of foster care.
- Temporarily living in a motel or hotel.
- Unsheltered.
- Unaccompanied Youth: not in the physical custody of a parent or a guardian.

Under the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act, homeless students and youth have the following rights:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is parent or guardian's preference and is feasible.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin at the parent's request.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.