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**Helping
Families in
Transition**



**McKinney-Vento
Homeless Assistance
Program**

Definition of Homelessness

Individuals who are eligible to receive these services include children and youth who:

- Do not have a permanent home.
- Live in motels, hotels, scattered sites, trailer parks or camp grounds.
- Live in cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, or similar settings.
- Share the housing of other persons due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.
- Are considered an unaccompanied youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.



What Families Experiencing Homelessness Need to Know

- Children and youth experiencing homelessness have the right to attend school.
- You do not need a permanent address to enroll your child in school.
- Children in homeless situations have the right to stay in the school they attended before becoming homeless or where they were last enrolled (school of origin) if the parent/guardian so choose.
- Schools must provide you with a written explanation if a placement dispute occurs. You have the right to appeal.
- Your child cannot be denied school enrollment just because school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- Your child has the right to participate in extracurricular activities and all federal, state, or local programs for which he/she is eligible.
- Unaccompanied youth have these same rights. Contact your homeless liaison in the Quincy Public Schools.

Schools give children and youth experiencing homelessness hope for a better chance and a better future. Quincy Public Schools can assist with these services and more:

- Free Breakfast and Lunch programs – Referrals to food stability programs in the area
- Transportation Services – including transportation to/from student's school of origin
- Tutoring, mentoring, academic support programs
- Mental Health Agencies
- Gifted and talented programs
- Pre-school programs
- Summer and After-School programs
- Homelessness Prevention Services
- Title 1 Services
- Housing, medical, dental referrals
- School supplies/ Furniture banks
- Food, clothing, including warm winter items