

## **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**

Life is uncertain, but your child's education doesn't have to be. Even if you last a permanent residence, your child can receive help to stay in their home school district. Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program ensures every child deserves school stability.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act can help provide school stability for your child if you do not have a permanent home and are:

- Staying with friends or family because you lost housing.
- Living in a shelter, including transitional programs
- Staying in motels because you cannot get your own home.
- Living on the streets, in a car, van, tent or other nonpermanent structure.

### **Information for School-Age Youth**

You may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act. If you live in any of the following situations:

- A shelter.
- A motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation.
- A car, park, abandoned building, bus to train station.
- Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship.

As an eligible student you have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in the local school or continue attending your school of origin (the school you attended when permanently housed or the school in which you were last enrolled), if that is your preference and is feasible.

*If the school district believes that the school selected is not in your best interest, the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.*

- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your needs as a student.

**If you believe you may be eligible, contact one of the individuals below to find out what services and supports may be available:**

Ambridge Area School District: Jo Ann Hoover, Principal 724-266-2833 ext. 7202

Local Contact: Visit: <http://homeless.center-school.org/homelessdirectory>

Storm Camara State Coordinator (717)772-2066

