

Indiana Education for Homeless Children & Youth (INEHCY)

McKinney-Vento Homeless Act

Who Is Homeless?

Homeless students are those who lack a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence. This includes students who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or campgrounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals. The definition includes migratory students who live in the aforementioned situations. Beginning Dec. 10, 2016, “those awaiting foster care placement” are not included in the definition.

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Parent/Youth Rights:

The McKinney Vento Act provides certain rights for homeless students. They include waiving certain requirements such as proof of residency when students are enrolling and allowing categorical eligibility for certain services, such as free textbooks. The Act also states:

- Homeless students may attend their school of origin or the school where they are temporarily residing;
- Homeless students must be provided a written statement of their rights when they enroll and at least two times per year;
- Homeless students may enroll without school, medical, or similar records;
- Homeless students have a right to transportation to school;
- Students must be provided a statement explaining why they are denied any service or enrollment;
- Students must receive services, such as transportation, while disputes are being settled;
- Students are automatically eligible for Title I services;
- School districts must reserve a portion of Title IA funds to serve homeless students;

- School districts must review and revise policies that provide barriers to homeless students;
- Schools must post information in the community regarding the rights of homeless students, in schools and other places that homeless families may frequent; and
- School districts must identify a McKinney Vento Liaison to assist students.

Contacts for Assistance:

If you or your family are concerned about housing stability including shelter or basic needs (like food, clothing, utilities, etc.), please consider contacting the McKinney Vento Liaison at your local school district. McKinney Vento Liaisons can help you connect to resources in the community that can help you find assistance and support. McKinney Vento Liaisons also help eligible students stay connected at school through enrollment and transportation assistance as well as addressing barriers to educational success and school engagement.

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Resources:

- [Indiana 211 Food, Housing, and Other Resources Assistance](#)
- [Tip Sheet - SNAP Benefits](#)
- [Tip Sheet - SSI \(social security\) Benefits](#)
- [Tip Sheet - Trauma Informed Care](#)
- [National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty](#)
- [School House Connection](#)
- [National Association for the Education of Homeless Children & Youth \(NAEHCY\)](#)
- [National Center for Homeless Education \(NCHE\)](#)
- [US Department of Education](#)
- [Human Trafficking FAQs](#)
- [Homeless Shelters Near Me | Wheeler Mission](#)
- [United Way | Homelessness and Home Ownership | United Way Worldwide](#)
- [Indianapolis homeless guide to shelter, other resources](#)
- [Home - CHIP Indy](#)
- WWW.CHIPINDY.ORG/HOH