

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

□ **Who Are Homeless Children and Youths?**

□ Homeless children and youths are individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including:

- children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals;
- children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- migratory children who qualify as homeless because the children are living in circumstances described above.

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□ **Educational Rights of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness**

Children and youth experiencing homelessness have the right to

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
- Continue in the school they last attended before becoming homeless or the school they last attended, if that is the parent's or guardian's choice and is feasible.
- Receive transportation to the school they last attended before their family became homeless or the school they last attended, if a parent or guardian requests such transportation.
- Attend school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.

- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs comparable to that provided to children who are not homeless.

These rights are established under Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The McKinney-Vento Act was originally authorized in 1987 and re-authorized in December 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). For more information on parent/youth rights please visit https://nche.ed.gov/pr/parent_booklet.php. NCHPEP website)

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Additional NC Data can be found

at: (<https://hepnc.uncg.edu/about/>, <http://profiles.nche.seiservices.com/StateProfile.aspx?StateID=33>)

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Additional information regarding charter/lab schools can be found at: [NCHPEP Profile web page \(https://hepnc.uncg.edu/about/\)](https://hepnc.uncg.edu/about/).