

DID YOU KNOW?

Your child may be eligible for additional educational services through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

WHAT IS THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT?

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is a federal law developed to ensure that children and youth in homeless situations have equal access to a free, appropriate education.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT (SUBTITLE VII-B SECTION 725) DEFINES A HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL AS ONE WHO LACKS A FIXED, REGULAR, AND ADEQUATE NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE. IT INCLUDES CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO:

- **ARE SHARING THE HOUSING OF OTHERS DUE TO LOSS OF HOUSING, ECONOMIC HARDSHIP, OR A SIMILAR REASON; OR IN THE CASE OF AN UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH, LACK A STABLE OR SAFE LIVING ENVIRONMENT.**
- **ARE LIVING IN MOTELS, HOTELS, TRAILER PARKS, OR CAMPING GROUNDS DUE TO LACK OF ALTERNATIVE ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATIONS.**
- **ARE LIVING IN EMERGENCY OR TRANSITIONAL SHELTERS.**
- **LIVING IN CARS, PARKS, PUBLIC SPACES, ABANDONED BUILDINGS, OR SUBSTANDARD HOUSING.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN HOMELESS SITUATIONS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- **REMAIN IN THEIR SCHOOL OF ORIGIN**
- **ENROLL IN A NEW SCHOOL WITHOUT PROOF OF RESIDENCY, IMMUNIZATIONS, SCHOOL RECORDS OR OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**
- **RECEIVE THE SAME SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, IF NEEDED, AS PROVIDED TO ALL OTHER CHILDREN SERVED IN THESE PROGRAMS**
- **RECEIVE TRANSPORTATION TO SCHOOL OF ORIGIN**
- **GET FREE SCHOOL MEALS**



TAKING CARE OF YOUR CHILD

**THE MCKINNEY-VENTO
LIAISON WORKS WITH
FAMILIES TO ADDRESS
THEIR NEEDS AND
CONNECTS THEM TO
RESOURCES WITHIN THE
COMMUNITY.**

JCSD 509J MCKINNEY- VENTO HOMELESS LIAISON



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School District 509J**
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**“WE NEED TO CREATE
ENVIRONMENTS THAT ENSURE THE
SUCCESS OF THOSE STUDENTS
WITH GREATEST NEEDS, SO THAT
WE CAN IN FACT ENSURE THE
SUCCESS OF EVERY CHILD.”**

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