



Homeless Information

The McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Assistance Act is a federal law that ensures immediate enrollment and educational stability for homeless children and youth. McKinney-Vento provides federal funding to states for the purpose of supporting district programs that serve homeless students. PA Leadership Charter School works with families and agencies to provide a coordinated placement for the children while working with families to help them stabilize their situations.

McKinney-Vento Act

Children and youth are eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Act if they have been displaced from their homes and are living in a place that is not fixed, regular, or adequate, such as:

- Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason
 - In a place not designated as regular sleeping accommodation, such as a vehicle, park, hotel, or campground
 - In a homeless or domestic violence shelter or transitional housing placement
 - Outside of his/her home as an unaccompanied youth
 - Awaiting foster care
 - In any of the situations listed above as the child of a migrant family
- >> [Click here to download a copy of the McKinney-Vento Act.](#)

Your Rights

Children and youth experiencing homelessness have the right to:

- Continue their education in their current school, and receive transportation OR enroll immediately in the school where they are temporarily housed, even if lacking the paperwork normally required
 - Participate in all applicable school programs, including supplemental services
 - Receive free lunch
 - Receive assistance with school-related expenses.
- >> [Click here for a printable version of this information.](#)

Below are several web sites for additional information:

[Pa Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program: Region 2](#)

[PDE Directory for Liaisons and Shelters in the State](#)

[PDE Homeless Education](#)

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