

Homeless (McKinney-Vento) 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

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Below are several websites for additional information:

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

PDE Directory for [Liaisons](#) and [Shelters](#) in the State (click on the word "Liaisons" or "Shelters" for each website)

[PDE Homeless Education](#)

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For PALCS students eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Act, additional support is available through our PALCS Community Closet and virtual PALCS Community Resource Center.