

ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH HAVE THE RIGHT TO FREE, APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION

Including children and youth with:

- Uncertain housing
- A temporary address
- No permanent physical address

The federal McKinney-Vento Act guarantees school enrollment for anyone who, due to a lack of housing, does not have a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, such as a child or youth who lives:

- In an emergency or transitional shelter
- In a motel, hotel, or campground
- In a car, park, public place, bus or train station, or abandoned building
- Doubled up with relatives or friends
- In these conditions and is a migratory child or youth

Children and youth living in these settings meet criteria for the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness and have special educational rights.

Where can a child or youth without a fixed, regular, and adequate residence attend school?

- The school the child or youth attended before becoming homeless or was last enrolled (school of origin)
- The school in the attendance area where the child or youth is currently living

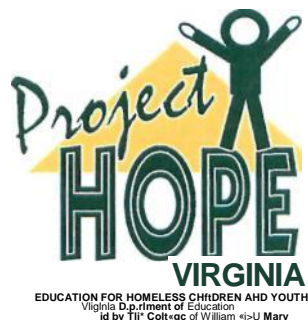
How can delays be avoided when enrolling a student experiencing homelessness in school?

- Enroll the student immediately
- Contact the previous school and ask that the records be sent electronically or shared over the phone
- Contact the principal, school counselor, or local homeless education liaison with any concerns
- Contact the local homeless education liaison to support unaccompanied youth when enrolling in school

Where can I get help?

Local Homeless Education Liaison

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