

# INFORMATION For School-Age Youth

IF YOU LIVE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter

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In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation

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In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station

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Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

*You may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.*

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Eligible students have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is their preference and is feasible.
  - \* If the school district believes that the school selected is not in his/her best interest, then the district must provide the student with a written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the students' needs.

*If you believe you may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available.*

**Local Liaison**  
Donna West  
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If you need further assistance with your educational needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education:

1-800-308-2145 \* \* [homeless@serve.org](mailto:homeless@serve.org) \* \* [www.serve.org/nche](http://www.serve.org/nche)