

Moniteau School District McKinney-Vento Training

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Overview

In 1987 Congress passed the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (subsequently renamed the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act) to aid homeless persons.

McKinney Vento was amended on December 10, 2015 with the enactment of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

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Definitions

Homeless Children & Youth

Individuals who lack fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Any child who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

School of Origin

The school the child or youth attended when permanently housed, or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled.

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Basic Educational Circular

A Basic Education Circular (BEC) provides the Department of Education's guidance on the implementation of law, regulation and policy. This has been added to both schools' Student and Family Handbooks.

[Link to Education for Homeless Youth BEC](#)

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Key Information for Educators

Examples of Homeless Children & Youth

- Children who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals.
- Children who have primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- Children who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.

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Requirements for the LEA

- Appropriate school placement arrangements, based on the child's best interest, should be implemented.
- The LEA shall comply, to the extent feasible, with the request made by a parent or guardian regarding school selection.
- Homeless children must be enrolled in school immediately, even if the child lacks records normally required for enrollment.
- The LEA shall continue the child's education in the school of origin for the duration of homelessness when a family becomes homeless between academic years or during an academic year; and for the remainder of the academic year even if the child becomes permanently housed during an academic year.

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Key Information for Educators

Administrators, secretaries, and guidance counselors are most experienced in navigating McKinney-Vento scenarios. However, they may not know the most complete and detailed information about students and their families. The sharing of information through communication and collaboration is key in ensuring the needs of students experiencing homelessness are met.

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