McKinney-Vento Act: Homeless Assistance

About The McKinney-Vento Act Services Provided

Request Services

The McKinney-Vento Act (42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq.) is a federal law that addresses the needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness and educational challenges created by homelessness. It guarantees students the right to enroll, attend, and succeed in school. As a requirement of the federal law, all public school districts in the United States must appoint a liaison that will ensure compliance with the federal law.

The law defines homeless to include (but not limited to) the following temporary living situations due to hardship:

- Living with a friend, relative or other person/family because of a loss of housing
- Staying in a motel or hotel because of a loss of housing or fleeing domestic violence
- Living in an emergency shelter, transitional housing or domestic violence shelter
- Living in a car, park or public place, abandoned building or bus station
- Living temporarily in substandard housing
- Living in a campground or an inadequate trailer home
- Living in a runaway or homeless youth shelter; run away youth
- Youth living on their own, even if their families want them to come home

Emergency Housing Support After Hours and During School Closures

If school offices are closed due to holidays, weekends, inclement weather or after-hours, families who need emergency housing assistance should contact community emergency resources, directly:

- Dial **2-1-1** to reach **United Way's** resource line for emergency shelter, housing assistance, food and crisis services.

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- Use the **Orange County** OC Connect (https://thecef.secure.force.com/) resource database to search for local emergency housing, shelters, and support services.
  - Orange County Housing Assistance (https://www.orangecountync.gov/2359/Emergency-Housing-Assistance)
  - Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (https://www.orangecountync.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2511/Orange-County-Resource-Guide-PDF) may also be resources for support.

- In **urgent** situations involving immediate danger or homelessness tonight, contact your local emergency shelter or go to the nearest emergency department.
  - **IFC HomeStart** is a 24-hour emergency shelter for women and families experiencing homelessness. (919) 932-6025
  - Durham Rescue Mission (https://durhamrescuemission.org/) 919-688-9641 ext. 5000

- If a child or family is in immediate danger, call **911.**

When schools reopen, families may also contact their school social worker for ongoing housing and educational assistance.

Contact Information

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Resources

Family and Community Engagement (/fs/pages/4223)

McKinney Vento Summary Count (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_NqxQX3p4lQM8zVL6BhghK64XXybi_ZhQ5VjfyTv9WE/usp=sharing)

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CHCCS Board Policy 4125 (https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=chaphill#&&hs=142616)

North Carolina Homeless Education Program Website (https://hepnc.uncg.edu/)

Dispute Resolution (https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Policy/ViewPolicy.aspx?S=10399&revid=B31awVyCpkmFMUWjwplusE9Pg%3d%3d&ptid=muNUlKiR2jsXcslsh28JpBkiw

National Center for Homeless Education (https://nche.ed.gov/)

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Rights (https://nche.ed.gov/unaccompanied-youth/)

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Rights (https://nche.ed.gov/parent-resources/)

McKinney-Vento Act (http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title42/chapter119/subchapter6/partB&edition=prelim)

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