



BEING HOMELESS SHOULD NOT AFFECT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

It is unacceptable for one child in the United States to be homeless for even one day. The reality, however, is that there are approximately 1,969 family members enrolled in San Diego shelters as a family unit. For every homeless family living in a shelter, experts estimate there are two to three families on the verge of homelessness due to unstable living conditions, and may need similar support services.

Families who are living in temporary situations with family or friends may qualify under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to receive services for their student(s). There are federal laws in place to ensure that students can continue their education at their school should there be a loss of housing for the family.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

You have rights under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act if you:

- lack a regular, fixed and adequate nighttime residence
- are sharing housing due to economic struggles
- are living in a shelter, hotel or motel.
- are living in a public place not designed for sleep (parks, cars)
- are an unaccompanied youth
- are a child or youth awaiting foster care placement
- are a child or youth abandoned in a hospital
- are a migrant child who qualifies under any of the above

SCHOOLS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PROVIDE EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

School districts need to:

- provide services to children and youth who are homeless that are comparable to those services provided for all other students in the district
- provide opportunities for students to achieve high levels of academic proficiency
- help parents complete the paperwork that ensures school attendance
- make educational placements in the best interest of the student
- maintain school records
- help parents gain access to needed health and social services

WE'RE HERE TO HELP !!

Please contact the District Homeless Liaison at (619) 668-5700 ext 6365.