

Teens Know Your Rights! The McKinney Vento Act Can Help YOU!



Are you a teen who is living in a shelter, cars, on the street or doubled up in another family's home?

YES

Did you know you have rights under the McKinney Vento Act, a law that protects homeless students?

You have the choice to go to your school OR change to a school close to where you live now.

Your school must also help you with free meals, transportation, school supplies and educational field trips.

You will be first in line if you need extra help with school or English AND for after school programs.

So, HOW do you get these services and resources?



The first step is to let your school know that you qualify for these services!



Once you do, your school liaison will help you with paperwork and answer questions.

Inform your school. Know your rights. Get what you need to succeed in school!

Let the McKinney Vento Act Help YOU!

Feeling like there is no one that can help in your situation may have kept you from asking for help. You may not want to share with your teachers or classmates about the problems you are facing right now.

Please talk to any teacher or staff member and tell them that you have the right to McKinney Vento Act services because of where you are living—they will keep your situation private.

Under the McKinney Vento Act, you have right to know what kinds of services you can receive and your school is **required** to help you.

If you are having problems staying in school because you are:

- Having trouble getting into a new school
- Do not have transportation to get to school
- Need free meals, school supplies or uniforms

You will be better able to what you need to stay in school and get to your goals in life after graduation.

Remember, your school can only help you if you let them know that you need it.