IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

- In a shelter
- In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation
- In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station
- Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Your eligible children 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 your preference.

  * If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.

- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.

Local Liaison
Matt Housh
937-767-7217

State Coordinator
Susannah Wayland
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If you need further assistance with your children's educational needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education:
1-800-308-2145 * homeless@serve.org * http://nche.ed.gov
INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH

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Eligible students have the right to:

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  - 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.

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Supporting the Education of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness

NCEH

National Center for Homelessness Education

If your family is in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing, your child might be eligible for certain educational rights and services.

Situation

State Coordinator for Homeless Education

Local Liaison

Guardians and Caregivers

Help Your Child in School

What You Need to Know To
Parent Pack Pocket Folders

Visit https://www.nche.gov/ for a webpage containing important information, help for parents who want to help their child in school, and the NCHV website. This is also a link to a website that provides resources for children in homeless situations.

Webpage: https://nche.gov

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Help your child enroll in school and participate in school district activities. The local liaison can help ensure your child receives the help that he/she needs.

Toll-Free Helpline: 800-308-2145 or

Resources from NCHV

 Eligibility for Mickeys Lynn and Supports

Your family lives in a mobile or camping residence

If your family lives in a mobile or camping residence, then the school district believes that the school you select that is your preference, housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), they are not in the best interest of your children, then the school district must provide you with a written explanation of its decision and inform you of your right to appeal. If you request this, you may receive transportation to and from the school of origin if it is not in the best interest of your children, then the school district believes that the school you select

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If your family lives in a mobile or camping residence
Frequently Asked Questions

What can I do to help my child in school?

1. Encourage your child to participate in things like sports and music.
2. Listen to what your child shares with you and talk about their problems.
3. Read to your child every day. For older children, set aside time each day for you and your child to read together.
4. Ask your child what he or she is learning in school. Have you heard any problems? Is there something he or she is having trouble with?
5. Pay attention to your child's health needs and take care of them. Make sure your child goes to school every day and arrives on time for breakfast and lunch.

For Schools (Revised):

- Asking children about what they read will help them become good thinkers.
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For Information (Revised):

- How do you think this information is important?
- Why do you think the existing material is not sufficient?
- What part did you find the most interesting?
- Why do you think the author's main point?
- What was the main idea of each paragraph? Ask for as many details as possible.
- What do you think will happen next?
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school district. If your child struggle with their learning or if you feel they are not getting the services they need, talk to your child's teacher. If you still have concerns, you may want to schedule a meeting with the school counselor.

**School counseling.** School counselors can provide support and resources to help your child. They can also help you navigate the school system and advocate for your child's needs.

**Homeless Education.** If you are experiencing homelessness, you may be eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Act. To learn more, contact your local school district.

**Questions you should ask.** You should ask questions about your child's education, including:

- What academic help is available for my child?
- What programs or after-school activities are available for my child?
- How can I help my child needs special education?
- How can my child get free school supplies?
- Records in the new school quickly?
- If my child changes schools, who can help us transfer?
- What are the school's attendance policies?
- Why is the school's attendance policy important for my child to stay in the school?

**Contact information.** If you have any concerns or questions about your child's education, contact the school district or your child's teacher. You can also reach out to the local homeless education liaison for further assistance.