

# When a student/family becomes homeless...

## What supports do we have in place?

### McKinney-Vento Education (MV)



### Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)



CA Department of Education, Orange County Department of Education and McKinney-Vento Liaison

Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA), County Coordinated Entry System (CES), Private and Non-Profit Programs at the local level Service Providers/Housing Navigators

- Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ED)
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (ED)
- Higher Education Act (ED)
- Head Start Act (HHS)
- Child Nutrition Act (USDA)
- Violence Against Women Act (DOJ)

**Includes Doubled/Tripled Up & Families staying in a hotel/motel paid by themselves**

- Homeless Assistance Programs (HUD)
- Emergency Food and Shelter (Homeland Security)
- Department of Veterans Affairs (all programs)
- Department of Labor (all programs)

**Does not meet HUD Homeless Definition Families staying in a hotel/motel paid for by themselves, and doubled/tripled up**

#### Definition and Criteria

- "(ii) children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 103(a)(2)(C)); "
- "(iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings"
- "children and youth who are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations"
- "...individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 103(a)(1)); and (B) includes – (i) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;"

#### Definition and Criteria

Category 1. Literally Homeless

Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence,

Category 2. Imminent Risk of Homelessness

Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

- Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
- No subsequent residence has been identified; and
- The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing

Category 3. Homeless under other Federal statutes

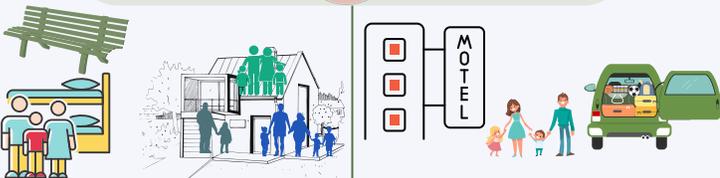
Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:

- Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes;
- Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application;
- Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; and can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers

Category 4. Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence

Any individual or family

**Dwelling Type does not meet the physical, psychological and emotional needs of students: security, safety, privacy, achievement, connection...**



#### Supports that can be rendered for students/families

- Immediate enrollment, even if families/students lack necessary documentation during any period of homelessness
- Full and equal opportunity to succeed in school
- Staff and all personnel are trained and to support students and families experiencing homelessness
- Removal of any barriers to identification, enrollment, retention, academic and extra curricular activities
- Referrals to health, dental, mental health, housing, substance abuse, and other appropriate services
- Access to early head start, pre school programs and early intervention
- Provide full or partial credit for course work
- Graduation waiver if in the best interest of the student when meeting criteria
- Unaccompanied minors informed, and verified for the independent status for college financial aid
- Each school may render a varied individualized system of support depending on the students' best interest, and availability which include but are not limited to:

- Backpacks and school supplies
- Technology, Devices and Wi-Fi
- Hygiene kits
- Laundry accessibility and laundry detergent
- Bus passes
- Uniforms, clothing/shoes
- Tutoring
- College Readiness, Guidance and Advisement
- Transportation to and from school

#### Access Points for Students/Families

Fill out the Family Service Request form or call 2-1-1 and request to be connected to a Family Access Point

The family will receive a call from a Family Access Point (location where a family receives support and referrals to appropriate housing options) within two (2) business days.

**NOTE: Access Points are not emergency services. There is no guarantee that the requested shelter and housing programs will be available. See Service Planning Area (SPA) below:**

##### North SPA:

- Homeless Intervention Services OC (HIS OC)
- Illumination Foundation
- Pathways of Hope

##### Central SPA:

- Families Forward – Santa Ana Office
- Serving People in Need (SPIN)

##### South SPA:

- Family Assistance Ministries (FAM)
- Families Forward – Irvine Office
- South County Outreach

#### Homeless Response System for Families

Families may be eligible to receive the following Housing services:

- Rental Assistance
- Referrals to Shelter
- Navigation and Referrals to Housing Programs
- Referrals to other Supportive Services (food pantries, mainstream benefits, healthcare, etc.).



# McKinney-Vento - Road Map of Supports for Family and Youth Homelessness

## YOU ARE NOTIFIED A FAMILY/STUDENT IS HOMELESS

### QUESTIONS TO ASK

Are you currently working with an agency/access point, community center/church or housing navigator/social service social worker?

If YES, reach out to the agency to avoid duplication of services and supports

If no, continue asking the questions below as they will be part of the intake for services

Ask..In order to get help, I need to share your information with an access point/housing navigator, do you give me permission?

If YES, encourage the family to complete the Family Service Request form or call 2-1-1 and request to be connected to a Family Access Point (you can help the family complete the form too).

Will be contacted by an Access Point within 2 business days - not emergency services - no guarantee that the assistance they are requesting will be available

If NO, provide resources and document family declined.

### WHO TO CONTACT

Housing Navigator if case is open

McKinney-Vento District Liaison

School Administrator when needed

School Social Worker/Social Services when needed

If the agency has a partnership with the district, email them or call them to let them know you have submitted a referral

Share agency information if not already connected to domestic/dating violence

1 800 799 SAFE (7233) or Text "START" to 88788

### WHAT TO PROVIDE

Educational records (IEP, copy of care giver affidavit if unaccompanied, grades, attendance record) specially if family/student is moving

Proof of enrollment and copy of student profile with picture as it can serve as ID for some shelters

List of food pantries and community resources, including free clinics for physical exams and mental health support

Any goods the district has in place to remove educational barriers such as: laundry detergent, uniforms, hygiene kits, school supplies, gas cards, grocery cards, store cards and any other essentials

### DOCUMENT

Referrals and supports rendered usually recorded in McKinney-Vento notes or student interventions

Follow up information/ update new address/ Update housing status/ any resources provided on Student Information Systems such as Aeries

Track student and families consultations, this data can shed light on needed resources

Track partner collaborations when serving families, attempt to ensure a successful referral when possible



At any given time, there is a large number of families waiting for shelter and housing services. Connection to these services may take several days or weeks depending on program availability and the number of families requesting services.



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**Family Service Request Form**  
Are you a family who is currently experiencing homelessness or at risk for becoming homeless? Please complete t...

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