

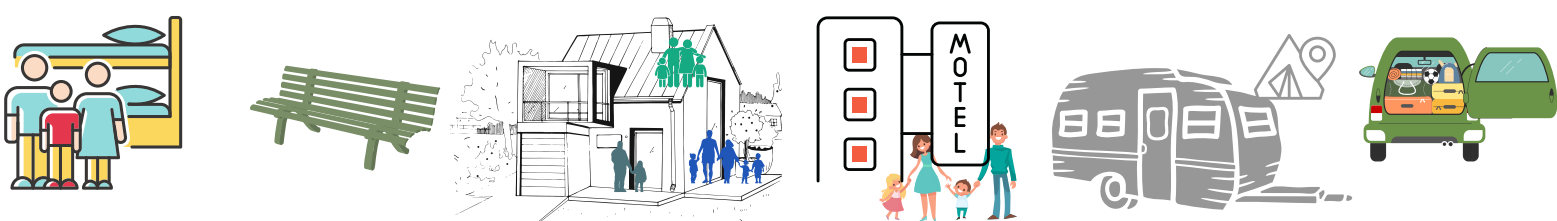
AM I ELIGIBLE FOR MCKINNEY-VENTO SUPPORT AND SERVICES?

YOUR ELIGIBILITY IS BASED ON YOUR HOUSING AND OVERNIGHT RESIDENCE

Who qualifies?

- Children and youth who are doubled-up or **sharing the housing of others** due to loss of housing, financial hardship, or a similar reason are eligible for McKinney-Vento Act rights and services
- Temporarily staying in **motel/hotel**
- Temporarily housed in **shelters**
- Sleeping in a train, bus station, RV or **car**
- Staying in parks, beaches, campgrounds
- Unaccompanied youth
- Other similar situations due to the lack of an alternative

I qualify! I'm renting a room in a home with two other families



UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH WITHOUT STABLE HOUSING

An unaccompanied youth is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. Student might be staying with family, friends, or other people not related to the student, "couch surfing."

POSSIBLE REASONS:

- domestic violence
- parent's incarceration
- immigration/deportation
- death of the parents
- the family home is unsafe

Youth who are alone should be immediately enrolled in school and referred to the McKinney-Vento liaison

What is the purpose?

The intent of the Federal McKinney-Vento Act and California State Law is to remove **all educational barriers** faced by **children and youth without a fixed, regular, and/or adequate home**, with an emphasis on educational enrollment, attendance, and school success.

Why is it important?

The McKinney-Vento Act requires schools to identify and count students without stable housing with a housing questionnaire.

ONCE IDENTIFIED, STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO:

Academics

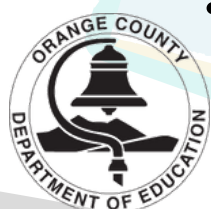
- Immediate enrollment regardless of proof of residency, immunization/health records, school records, or legal guardianship papers
- Obtaining or transferring records necessary for enrollment
- School of origin rights
- Tutoring or other instructional supports
- Support with assessment/testing for Special Education
- Early childhood programs
- Partial or full credit given from work completed
- Assistance with financial aid for higher education

Essentials

- Assistance with participation in school meals, before/after-school programs, mentoring, summer programs
- Necessary school supplies, clothing to meet a school requirement
- Technology devices and Wi-Fi support
- Transportation to and from school

Community

- Referrals for medical, dental, and other health and wellness services
- Referral to other programs and services such as domestic violence counseling and emergency assistance related to school attendance



There is no time limit for McKinney-Vento eligibility. Many families will remain in doubled-up situations for months or even years as they struggle to find employment and housing.