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Information for Parents/Guardians/Youth regarding

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

If your family lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and is forced to live in any of the following situations:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (example: evicted from home, loss of employment, illness or death, etc.).
- In a motel, hotel, campground or similar setting due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- In an emergency or transitional shelter.
- Have a primary nighttime residence that is not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for humans.
- In a car, park, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station, or a similar setting.

Then your children have the right to:

- Enroll in school without proof of residency, immunization, school records, or other documents.
- Choose between the local school where you are living or the school last attended before becoming homeless, when feasible.
- Receive transportation to school.
- ▶ Attend school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- Receive all the school services available to other students.
- Services you may be eligible to receive at a reduced cost include: Childcare and preschool services, Counseling, Tutoring, Free Lunches, Credit Recovery courses, and Financial assistance with school supplies (graduation supplies, athletic supplies, testing fees, course fees, etc.), clothing, medical needs, food, etc.

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