

## If you or your family lives in any of these situations:



In a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground



On the street



In an abandoned building, trailer or other inadequate accommodations



Living with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

**You or your preschool-aged and school-aged children may qualify for certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.**

### Eligible students have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there. They must be given access to the same public education, including preschool education, provided to other students.
- Continue in the school they attended before they became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible. If a school sends the child to a school other than the one requested, the school must provide a written explanation and offer the right to appeal the decision.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before you or your family became homeless or the school last attended, if you or a guardian request such transportation.
- Attend a 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.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the chosen school even while you and the school seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other students served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs.



## WHEN YOU MOVE CONSIDER THESE TIPS...

- Contact the school district's homeless education liaison for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school.
- Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances.
- Ask the district's homeless education liaison, the shelter provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies if needed.