

# Who Is Considered Homeless?

According to federal education law (the McKinney-Vento Act), a student is considered homeless who "lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence." This definition specifically includes children and youth living in emergency shelters and transitional housing; cars, campgrounds, and other places not meant for human habitation; hotels or motels due to lack of adequate alternative arrangements; and sharing the housing of others temporarily due to loss of housing, economic hardships, or similar reasons.

Public schools, Head Start/Early Head Start Programs, programs that receive Child Care and Developmental Fund (CCDF) subsidies, institutions of higher education, and school meal programs are required under federal law or regulations to use this definition of homelessness.



## Community Resources

**The Sharing Center: 262-298-5535**

Contact: Sharon Pomaville

Provides emergency food, hygiene supplies, clothing, household items, winter outerwear, school supplies and employment resources.

Located: 25700 W. Wilmot Rd. Hwy C  
Trevor, WI

**Love, Inc. 262-763-6226**

Provides a food pantry, clothing, school supplies, counseling, and information on rent assistance, energy assistance and emergency lodging.

Located: 466 S. Pine St. Burlington, WI

**Kenosha County Department of Human Services**

**Phone: 262-657-7188 or (800) 236-7188**

Provides information for PATH eligible services, emergency shelter, rental assistance programs, counseling, and western Kenosha County Transit.

**If you need further assistance, call the National Center for Homeless Education at the toll-free Helpline:**

**1-800-308-2145**



## **McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act**

### **Families in Transition**

**What You Need to Know**







## Frequently Asked Questions:

### IF A STUDENT MOVES INTO PERMANENT HOUSING AFTER BEING HOMELESS, CAN THEY STAY IN THE SAME SCHOOL?

Yes, students who move into permanent housing can stay in the same school until the end of the current school year.

### CAN A SCHOOL REQUIRE A STUDENT IN TEMPORARY HOUSING TO SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCE TO REGISTER FOR SCHOOL?

No, if a student says that they are homeless, they must be enrolled immediately even if they do not have the papers normally needed. Proof of residence, immunization records, a birth certificate, guardianship records, or school records are not necessary.

### FOR MORE ANSWERS TO YOUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, PLEASE VISIT:

[https://www.nlchp.org/documents/McKinney-Vento\\_FAQs](https://www.nlchp.org/documents/McKinney-Vento_FAQs)

# McKinney-Vento Homeless Act

## STUDENTS WHO ARE HOMELESS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- ▶ **Immediately enroll** in school and attend classes in school of choice.
- ▶ **Obtain free transportation to the school of origin** even if it is in another district.
- ▶ **Receive free transportation to the local school** if transportation is provided to other students.
- ▶ **Get special education services** immediately if the student has a current IEP (even if the IEP itself is not available or if it is from another district).
- ▶ **Participate in any school activity** that is available to other students and get transportation to and from all before or after school activities if it is provided to other students.
- ▶ **Receive free school meals** without filling out an application.



**If you need assistance regarding homelessness please contact**

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