Homelessness Assistance

PLA works to help provide services to scholars and families experiencing homelessness in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act.

The McKinney-Vento Act protects scholars from discrimination based on their lack of a permanent residence. Homeless scholars are those who lack a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence. This includes scholars who are sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason; are living in motels/hotels, trailer parks, or campgrounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals.

Scholars experiencing homelessness are eligible to receive a variety of services including:

- Immediate enrollment (even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment)
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school helps gather needed documents
- Transportation Services to and from the school of origin (if requested)
- Free meals under the school nutrition programs
- Limited English Proficiency Classes
- Gifted and Talented Programs
- Special Education Services

For questions regarding the McKinney-Vento Act or available resources please contact your school to speak with the local McKinney-Vento Liaison or social worker for assistance.

McKinney-Vento Act State Contact, Helpful Links, Additional Resources & Assistance Documents:
Gina Woodward
State Homeless Education Coordinator
(317) 232-9189
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Indiana Education for Homeless Children & Youth (INEHCY)
NCHE - National Center for Homeless Education
Homeless Assistance – “Keys to Housing”
Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority

Additional Resources
A Parent’s Guide to the Rights of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness
IN Handbook of Help
IN Guide to Housing Assistance and Coordinated Entry
2-1-1 – Get Connected / Get Help

Assistance Documents
- PLA - McKinney-Vento Housing Questionnaire
- PLA - Notice of Dispute Resolution Procedure
- PLA – Foster Care Transportation Agreement
- PLA – Foster Care Transportation Form