

# Scott County Public Schools Locating Homeless Children

## • Who is considered homeless?

Title X, Part C of the *No Child Left Behind Act* defines homelessness as living in the following places due to a lack of a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

- In an emergency or transitional shelter (homeless and domestic violence programs)
- In a motel, hotel, or campground
- In a car, park, public place, bus or train station, substandard housing, or abandoned building
- Doubled up with relatives or friends
- In the above conditions and is a migratory child or youth
- In emergency or transitional shelters
- Are abandoned in hospitals
- Awaiting foster care placement

This definition of homelessness applies to children and youth with:

- Uncertain housing
- A temporary address
- No permanent physical address
- Living in conditions not ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for children
- Migratory children living in the above circumstances
- Runaway youth or unaccompanied youth who live with friends due to being homeless

Children and youth living in these settings meet criteria for the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness and have special educational rights.

Where can a child or youth without a fixed, regular, and adequate residence attend school?

- The school the child or youth attended before becoming homeless or was last enrolled (school of origin)
- The school in the attendance area where the child or youth is currently living

## How can delays be avoided when enrolling a student experiencing homelessness in school?

- *Enroll the student immediately*
- Contact the previous school and ask that the records be sent electronically or shared over the phone
- Contact the principal, school counselor, or local homeless education liaison with any concerns
- Contact the local homeless education liaison to support unaccompanied youth when enrolling in school

## Children 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 children.
- Continue in the school they attended before they became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is their choice and is feasible. If a school sends a child to a school other than the one requested, the school must provide a written explanation and offer the person the right to appeal the decision.
- 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.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school.

## When a homeless family moves, they should do the following:

- Contact the school's Guidance Counselor (local homeless liaison for Scott County Public Schools) for help in enrolling their child in a new school and arranging for the child to continue to receive an education with any needed service. (Counseling, transportation, food, clothing, contacts with other agencies, etc.)
- Provide any information to the Guidance Counselor they think will assist teachers in helping the

child adjust to new circumstances.

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