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## Homeless Education Information

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The McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Assistance Act is the primary piece of legislation dealing with the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness. The Act is also known as Title X, Part C of the Every Students Succeeds Act.

McKinney-Vento Definition of Homeless\* 42 U.S.C. § 11434a(2) The term “homeless children and youth”—

A. means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence...; and B. includes — i. children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals; ii. children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings...; iii. children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and iv. migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

For resources on services for homeless children and youth please refer to the fact sheets at the National Center for Homeless Education website <https://nche.ed.gov/nche/rights.html> Parents and unaccompanied youth should also consult the website at [https://nche.ed.gov/ibt/parent\\_res.php](https://nche.ed.gov/ibt/parent_res.php)

Additional resources can be found at the US Department of Education Supporting Homeless Students website <https://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/supporting-homeless-students/index.html> and the National Center for Homeless Education <https://nche.ed.gov/>

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