



McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth Program-Ohio Valley Educational Service Center

The McKinney Vento Act defines homelessness as “individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence”. This could entail the following conditions:

- a. “Doubled up” or sharing housing with another person or family due to economic hardship, loss of housing or another reason
- b. Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate housing
- c. Living in emergency or transitional shelter
- d. Abandoned in Hospitals
- e. Living in a car, park, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station or a similar setting
- f. Migrant Children as defined by the Elementary and Secondary Act, as mentioned specifically in the definition of homeless, as migrant families often live in conditions of poverty and may not be able to afford fixed, regular, and adequate housing. Migrant children and youth, however, are not categorically McKinney-Vento eligible; rather they are eligible to the extent that their living arrangement is one described in the Act’s definition of homeless:

[McKinney-Vento Definition – National Center for Homeless Education](#)

(Rights and Services for Parents & Students)

McKinney Vento eligible students have to the right to:

- receive a free, appropriate public education
- enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment, or having missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness;
- enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents;
- continue attending the school of origin, or enroll in the local attendance area school if attending the school of origin is not in the best interest of the student or is contrary to the request of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth
- receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested by the parent or guardian, or by the local liaison on behalf of an unaccompanied youth
- receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to each student’s need.
- receive free school meals

Please click the following tabs to gather more information and assistance:

[Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness: An Introduction to the Issues](#)

[Supporting the Education of Children & Youth](#)

[What You Need to Know to Help Your Child in School](#)

[School Help for Homeless Children with Disabilities](#)

[Privacy, FERPA, and Student Homelessness](#)

[National School Lunch Program](#)

(District Homeless Liaisons)

Your Designated Homeless Liaison is there to help you. Please see the following contact information for the designated homeless liaison located in your school district:

School District	Homeless Liaison	Email	Phone #
Belpre City	Mike Seebaugh	bc_mseebaugh@belpre.k12.oh.us	740.423.3000
Fort Frye Local	Erin Lockhart	erin.lockhart@fortfrye.org	740.984.2497 X2304
Frontier Local	Tiffany Rife-Oman	trifeoman@frontierlocalschools.com	740.865.3473 x1106
Mid-East Career & Technology Centers	Jeremy Beardmore	jbeardmore@mideastctc.org	740.454.0105 x6313
Noble Local	Trisha Delaney (Pre-K thru 8 th) Matt Unger (9 th thru 12 th)	trisha.delaney@gozeps.org matt.unger@gozeps.org	740.732.5661 740.732.2361
Switzerland of Ohio Local	Curtis Wisvari	curtis.wisvari@swissohio.k12.oh.us	740.795.5665 x5201
Warren Local	Ann Skufca	ann.skufca@warrenlocal.org	740.678.2366
Washington County			

School District	Homeless Liaison	Email	Phone #
Career Center	Cynthia Schwendeman	cschwendeman@thecareercenter.net	740.373.2766 x4017
Wolf Creek Local	Doug Baldwin	doug.baldwin@wolfcreeklocal.org	740.984.2373

(Unaccompanied Youth)

The “**FEDERAL DEFINITION** The McKinney-Vento Act defines unaccompanied youth as “a homeless child or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian” [42 USC § 11434a (6)]. Taking a closer look at the definition, two conditions must be present for a child or youth to be considered an unaccompanied youth under the McKinney-Vento Act:

1. The child’s or youth’s living arrangement meets the Act’s definition of homeless, and
2. The child or youth is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Physical custody refers to where a child or youth is physically living; as such, a child or youth who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian is a child or youth who is not living with a parent or guardian”.

For further help, please see the following resources:

[Youth Resources](#)

[National Runaway Safeline](#)

[National Safe Place](#)

[Information for School Age Youth](#)

[National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)

(District Staff: Fliers, Posters & Forms)

[Common Signs of Homelessness](#)

[Editable “Know Your Rights” Flyers | SchoolHouse Connection](#)

[Parent homeless education rights poster](#)

[Information for School Age Youth](#)

[Supporting the Education of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness](#)

[What You Need to Know to Help Your Child in School](#)

[Federal Student Aid and Homeless Youth](#)

[FAFSA TIPS FOR UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH WITHOUT STABLE HOUSING](#)

Sample Forms such as FAFSA, Caregiver, Residency & Dispute Resolution

1 = FAFSA form

2 = Caregiver form, go to page 5 to print

3 = Sample Housing form, scroll to Appendix 3.A

4 = Dispute Resolution Procedure Information

1. [Sample Form Letters to Determine the Independent Student Status of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth | SchoolHouse Connection](#)
2. <https://nche.ed.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/guardianship.pdf>
3. [Homeless Liaison Toolkit](#)
4. [Dispute Resolution Procedure](#)

(Professional Development)

[Webinars | SchoolHouse Connection](#)

[Group Training](#)

[Self-Paced Online Training](#)

[School Personnel Resources](#)

[ESSA – Training and Professional Development Resources](#)

[Ohio Department of Education Youth Homelessness Program – COHHIO](#)

Resources & links to web-sites for further information & assistance:

National:

[SchoolHouse Connection](#)

[National Center for Homeless Education](#)

[National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth](#)

[National Network for Youth](#)

[FAQs: Homeless | HUD.gov / US Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

State:

[Students Experiencing Homelessness | Ohio Department of Education](#)

[COHHIO](#)

[Homeless Information: Ohio | HUD.gov / US Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

Housing Resources

Local:

Links to Guernsey, Monroe, Noble & Washington community resource lists created by OVESC staff. **Note, if you would like to add your information to our lists, please contact Penny Boggs penny.boggs@ovesc.org, W-740-439-3558, C-740-310-8884**

[Guernsey County Community Resources.docx](#)

[Monroe County Community Resources.docx](#)

[Noble County Community Resources.docx](#)

[Washington County Community Resources.docx](#)

We Want to Help! Please contact the following person(s) if you need further information or assistance:

Contact Information:

McKinney-Vento Homeless Services Staff:

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Family & Community Engagement Supports & Services

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