

# Overview: McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth

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# McKinney-Vento Act



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## Definition of Homeless Students

### □ Individuals whose nighttime residence is NOT:

- Fixed—stationary, permanent, and not subject to change
- Regular—used on a predictable, routine, or consistent basis
- Adequate—sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in the home

(42 U.S.C. §11434A(2)(B)(i))

*Can the student go to the SAME PLACE (fixed) EVERY NIGHT (regular) to sleep in a SAFE AND SUFFICIENT SPACE (adequate)?*

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## The Homeless definition includes children and youth who are:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason;
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due the lack of alternative accommodations;
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Abandoned in hospitals;
- ~~Awaiting foster care placement; Removed with passage of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)~~
- Living in 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;
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus/train stations, or similar settings;
- Migratory – who qualify as homeless living in circumstances described above.

# McKinney-Vento: Data

Georgia – Children and youth experiencing homelessness identified by LEAs:

- FY17 = 39,966**
- FY16 = 39,695
- FY15 = 39,113
- FY14 = 29,138
- FY13 = 35,764
- FY12 = 35,048
- FY11 = 31,384
- FY10 = 27,338
- FY09 = 23,724
- FY08 = 15,700

*GaDOE Student Information System (SIS) – Unduplicated count within each LEA*

# McKinney-Vento: Data

## Student Count

☐ FY08 = 15,700

☐ FY17 = 39,966

*In the past 10 years, the number of students identified by LEAs in Georgia as experiencing homelessness has increased by 155 percent*

## Allocation from US ED

☐ FY08 = \$3,096,475

☐ FY17 = \$2,417,445

*In the past 10 years, the grant award from US ED to support students experiencing homelessness has decreased by 22 percent*

# McKinney-Vento: Data

## Educational Impacts

- 42% of students who experienced homelessness say they dropped out of school at least once; 60% say it was hard to stay in school while they were homeless.
- Homelessness is associated with an 87% likelihood of dropping out of school.
- Over time, the achievement gaps between homeless and low-income elementary students tend to persist and may even worsen.



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## Impact of Homelessness...

- Half of homeless mothers experience severe depression;
- One-third of mothers have made at least one suicide attempt;
- Over one-third have a chronic physical health condition.
- 30% of homeless adults in the U.S. were foster children; these adults are twice as likely to have their own children placed in foster homes.

*Merkert and Wintermute - CLN Kids, 2012*

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# McKinney-Vento: Support

## State Coordinators

- Every state educational agency (SEA) must have a State Coordinator who can “sufficiently carry out” their duties. 11432(d)(3)
  - Ensure McKinney-Vento students receive “the full protections and services provided by” the law. 11432(f)(7)
  - Provide professional development and support regarding McKinney-Vento to LEAs
  - Monitor all LEAs 11432(f)(5)
  - Gather and post homelessness data on the SEA website 11432(f)(1)(A) & (f)(3)
  - Collaborate with broad array of educators, service providers, community organizations and policymakers 11432(f)(4) and Guidance E8

# McKinney-Vento: Support

## Local Liaisons

- ❑ Every local educational agency (LEA) must designate a liaison, whose duties include:
  - Identify McKinney-Vento students.
  - Post public notice of McKinney-Vento rights to parents and youth.
  - Provide professional development and support regarding McKinney-Vento to district and school staff
  - Connect young children to preschool, Head Start, and early intervention.
  - Connect families and youth to housing, health, mental health and other services.

11432(g)(6)

# McKinney-Vento: Support

## LEAs reporting for FY16 (Study of FY15 data beyond SIS)

- HCY in grade 12 who submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid - **FAFSA** (Standard 2: Academic Progress) = (753/1946) **39%**
- Number of community locations where McKinney-Vento posters and/or informational materials were disseminated and displayed (Standard 3: Identification) = **1,438**
- Number HCY attended class within 1 school day of enrollment (Standard 4: Immediate enrollment) = (37,042/39,113) **84%**
- HCY received transportation to school of origin outside normal transportation (Standard 5: Stability) = (7,616/39,113) **18%**

# McKinney-Vento: Support

## LEAs reporting for FY16 (Study of FY15 data beyond SIS)

- HCY students in grades 6-12 who were NOT provided with assistance in preparing/applying postsecondary (Standard 6: Comparable Services) = (1,781/17,213) **10%**
- Number of HCY whose parents or guardians required local liaison assistance or intervention to settle a disagreement (Standard 9: Parent Engagement) = (5,215/39,113) **13%**
- Number of schools in the LEA that displayed McKinney-Vento posters (Standard 10: Collaborative efforts) = (2,232/2,267) **98%**

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