

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: PARENTS AND STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Are you staying in temporary housing?

Do you want your children to stay at their current school?

Are you having trouble enrolling your children in school or getting them there?

**Help may be available.**



**1. You and your children have special rights at school if you are:**

- Staying temporarily with someone else because you lost your housing
- Staying in a motel, trailer park, or campground
- Staying outside or in a place that is not meant for sleeping
- Staying in poor housing that does not have utilities such as water, electricity, or heat
- Staying in a shelter or in a car



**2. Those rights include:**

- Staying in the same school even if you move, and receiving transportation to that school, as long as it is in the student's best interest
- Enrolling in school immediately without the documents schools usually require
- Receiving free school meals
- Getting help with school supplies and other needs
- Extra support for youth who are on their own
- Help connecting young children with early childhood services



**3. Contact your school district's McKinney-Vento Liaison** to find out if you qualify for help. Below is a link to the list of current homeless liaison school staff (updated November 2024):

<https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/homeless-liaisons-sy-2024-25>



**4. Contact the Missouri McKinney-Vento State Coordinator** if you can't reach the Liaison or have other questions, at 573-522-8763 or [tera.bock@dese.mo.gov](mailto:tera.bock@dese.mo.gov).