

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

- ARE YOU STAYING IN TEMPORARY HOUSING?
- DO YOU WANT TO STAY IN YOUR CURRENT SCHOOL?
- ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE ENROLLING IN SCHOOL OR GETTING THERE?

Help may be available.



## 1. You have special rights at school if you are:

- Staying temporarily with someone else because you had to leave your home
- 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's your best interest**
- Enrolling in school immediately without the documents schools usually require, and without a parent or guardian
- Receiving free school meals
- Getting help with school supplies and other needs



## 3. Contact your school district's McKinney-Vento Liaison to find out if you qualify for help. Here is a list of current homeless liaison school staff (updated April 2023): <https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/homeless-liaisons-sy-2022-23>



## 4. Contact the Missouri McKinney-Vento State Coordinator at: 573.522.8763 or [Misty.Dothage@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Misty.Dothage@dese.mo.gov)