



Health and Education Justice Initiative
Advancing justice in child health and well-being

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.boock@dese.mo.gov.

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