

Liaison Responsibilities



The McKinney-Vento Act includes a “job description” for the local liaison in the form of a list of duties. According to the Act [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g) (6)(A)], local liaisons must ensure:

Identification:

Children and youth experiencing homelessness are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies.



Enrollment:

Children and youth experiencing homelessness are enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, schools within the district.

Referrals for Early Childhood:

Children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness have access to and receive educational services for which they are eligible, including Early Head Start and Head Start programs, early intervention services under Part C of the Individual with Disabilities Education Act, and other preschool programs administered by the school district.

Referrals for Health, Housing and Other Services:

Children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness receive referrals to health care, dental, mental health, substance abuse, housing, and other appropriate services.

Parent Involvement:

Parents or guardians of students experiencing homelessness are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children, and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children.



Posting Public Notice:

Public notice of the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness is disseminated in locations frequented by families and youth experiencing homelessness, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth.

Dispute Resolution:

Enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Transportation:

Parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness are fully informed of all transportation services available to McKinney-Vento students, including transportation to the school of origin, and are assisted in accessing transportation.

Training for Colleagues:

School personnel providing services to students experiencing homelessness receive professional development and other support.

Meeting the Needs of Unaccompanied Youth:

Unaccompanied youth are enrolled in school; have opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic standards as other children and youth; are informed of their status as independent students under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. § 1087vv) and receive assistance verifying this status for purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).



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