

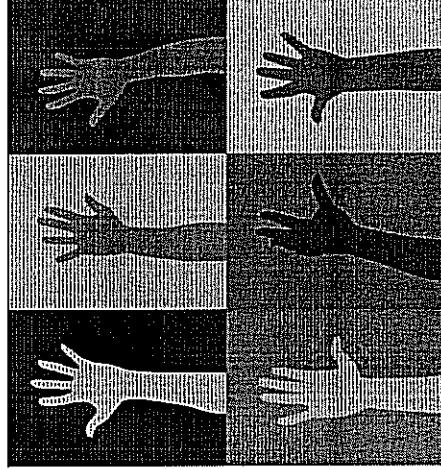
WHO QUALIFIES?

A child or youth is considered homeless and qualifies for services when they lack a nighttime residence that is *Fixed, Regular, and Adequate*.

This may include the following:

- Sharing housing due to economic hardship, loss of housing, or a similar reason.
- Living in motels, campgrounds, trailer parks, or similar locations due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- Transitional housing and emergency shelters.
- Abandoned in hospitals or awaiting foster care placement.
- Cars, train stations, public spaces, parks, abandoned buildings, and other substandard housing.
- Migrant children, Runaways, Throwaways (children whose parent will not permit them to live at home).
- Unaccompanied youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

The McKinney-Vento program is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, State educational agencies must ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as other children and youth.



**Schools give homeless children hope
and a chance for a better future.**

SERVICES for Homeless Children & Youth



Everett Public Schools

"What homeless children need most of all is a home. While they are experiencing homelessness, however, children desperately need to remain in school."

—National Coalition for the Homeless

Snohomish County Public Schools

Arlington School District 360-618-6200

Darrington School District 360-436-1323

Edmonds School District 425-431-7000

Everett Public Schools 425-385-4000

Granite Falls School District 360-691-7717

Index School District 360-793-1330

Lake Stevens School District 425-335-1500

Lakewood School District 425-652-4500

Marysville School District 360-653-7058

Monroe School District 360-804-2500

Mukilteo School District 425-356-1274

Snohomish School District 360-563-7300

Stanwood-Camano School District 360-629-1200

Sultan School District 360-793-9800

Before you move:

- Tell your child's teacher and principal that your child is moving, and give them the new address, if possible.
- Let school officials know if you want your child to stay in his or her home school while you are getting your family stabilized.
- Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations.

When you move:

- Contact the school district's local liaison for homeless education for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school.
- Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances.
- Ask the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.

Homeless Children & Youth

Have the Right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if they don't have all the necessary documents.
- Continue in the school they attended before they became homeless, or the school they last attended, if that is their choice and if it is a *reasonable option.
- Receive free meals at school.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before they became homeless, or the school they last attended, if it is a *reasonable option.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.

* Reasonable options will be discussed with the parent/guardian if transporting a student will not be in their best interests.

Contact Information

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State Coordinator: Melinda Dyer, 360-725-6050



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The educational rights and protections of children and youth experiencing homelessness are provided by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. This law is enacted in the Everett Public Schools under the KIT Program. KIT, Kids In Transition, provides support for students, and removes barriers to education of homeless children.

Websites and Other Information

National Center for Homeless Education
<http://center.serve.org/nche>
800-308-2145

Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
<http://www.k12.wa.us/HomelessEd>

Washington State Public School Homeless Liaisons

<http://www.k12.wa.us/HomelessEd/pubdocs/HomelessLiaisonContactList.pdf>