



**Facts about the McKinney- Vento Homeless Education Act:**

Part of the No Child Left Behind federal legislation, this law protects homeless or unaccompanied youths from discrimination and mandates equal access to educational programs and services.

Students who are identified must have barriers to their education removed.

If you are, or know of, a youth or family that would like to discuss educational rights and get assistance with enrolling, contact us today.



**Community Resources:**

**San Bernardino County 24 Hour hotline**  
Dial 2-1-1 or (888) 435-7565

**Valley Star TAY One Stop Center:** support services for young adults (16-25 yrs), particularly those who are at risk of homelessness. (760) 228-9657

**SafeHouse of the Desert:** Emergency shelter, intervention, and outreach services to youth in crisis. Located in Thousand Palms. (760) 343-3211

**H.E.A.P:** Assistance with Electric, Gas, Propane, or wood, local assistance by appointment (909) 723-1680 or (909) 723-1568 email:Utilityassistance@capsbc.org

**Salvation Army:** Variety of social services Yucca Valley Office (760) 228-0114

**Social Services TANF Offices**  
**(877) 410-8829**  
Twentynine Palms: 73629 Sun Valley Dr.  
Yucca Valley: 56357 Pima Trail.

**Unity Home Domestic Violence Shelter** and related services (760) 366-8835

**American Red Cross** for Morongo Valley (888) 831-0031

**Inland County Housing Mediation Board** (800)-321-0991

**IEHP: Low Cost Health Care** (800)244-4347

**For all other referrals call:**  
**Wayne Hamilton** (760) 401-0375



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## Homeless Students Have Rights to:

**-Immediate school enrollment:** even if they lack proof of residency, guardianship, immunizations, or school records.

**-School choice:** Students may choose to stay at the school attended when permanently housed or to enroll in the school where currently living for the remainder of the academic year when feasible.

**-Free lunches:** Homeless students are automatically eligible to receive free lunch for the duration of the school year.

**-School fee waivers:** Students have the right to equal access to education.

**-Transportation:** While students are homeless, transportation is provided for students residing outside of their school's attendance area for the duration of the academic year when feasible.



## What School Should You Choose?

If you don't know where you are going to live next, keeping your child in the same school for the school year may be the best thing you can do for your child's education and emotional security. You have two choices based on what is in the student's best interest:

Keep your child in the school your child was attending before you lost your housing (school of origin). If you choose to keep your child in the same school, your child may continue at that school for as long as you are homeless or until the end of the school year.

Enroll your child in the school nearest the shelter or temporary place where you are currently staying.

If the school disagrees with your enrollment request, they must notify you in writing and include the dispute resolution process.



## A student is considered "Homeless" if he or she is presently:

- Living in a shelter
- Living in a motel, hotel or campground due to lack of adequate housing
- Sharing housing with relatives or others due to a lack of housing
- Living at a train or bus station, a park, or in a car
- Living in an abandoned building
- A youth not living with a parent or guardian
- A child awaiting foster care placement
- A child of a migrant worker
- In other situations that are not fixed, regular, or adequate for nighttime residence

