

McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program

The McKinney-Vento Act defines “homeless children and youth” as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The term includes –

- Children and youth who are:
 - Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as doubled-up);
 - Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
 - Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
 - Abandoned in hospitals, or
 - Awaiting foster care placement;
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

Welcome to Burleson I.S.D. For more information on the national level for homelessness visit <http://nationalhomeless.org/> and for our local Texas homeless coalition visit <https://www.theotx.org/>.

The Burleson community, including local counties, have several organizations and religious affiliations who can help families and youths in need of services and food. A few include:

- Promises (817-295-9384)
- Harvest House (817-2943-6252)
- Presbyterian Night Shelter (817-632-7400)
- Union Gospel Mission (817-339-2553)

For a complete directory of services or if you have questions regarding the McKinney-Vento Act contact the Homeless coordinator at your child’s campus (the counselor) or the district coordinator Deidre Dobbins at ddobbins@bisdmail.net.