

### **ECYEH Can Assist With These Services**

Tracking/transferring school records

Accessing educational programs

Interagency problem-solving

Increasing public awareness of homelessness

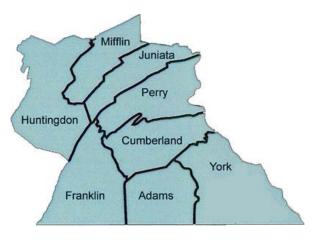
Consultations to answer questions

Training and education

Outreach visits

School related items

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Region 3 — Coverage Map

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# EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

**ECYEH - REGION 3** 









#### **Our Goal**

- Ensure that all children and youth experiencing homelessness enroll, participate, and have the opportunity to succeed in school
- •Ensure children and youth experiencing homelessness receive a free and appropriate public education on an equal basis
- •Eliminate and/or reduce educational barriers through the use of local "best practices" and the authorized activities of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act
- •Reduce the disruption in the educational lives of children and youth experiencing homelessness
- Increase awareness about the nature and extent of the problems children and youth experiencing homelessness have enrolling in and gaining access to educational programs
- Explain and build on the laws and policies already in place, which overcome these barriers



#### **McKinney-Vento Act**

<u>Definition of Homeless:</u> "Homeless children and youths" as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

#### Includes:

Children and youths who are:

- ~Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- ~Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- ~Living in emergency or transitional shelters; or
- ~Abandoned in hospitals;
- ~Children and youths 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 a human being
- ~Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- ~Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above

#### Commitment

Our team is committed to providing assistance with coordination and collaboration of services to ensure each student experiencing homelessness has the opportunity to succeed in school.

**ECYEH Region 3** 

## **A Students Rights**

- •The right to immediate enrollment in school, even if lacking paperwork normally required
- •The right to attend school in his./her school of origin (if this is request by the parent) or in the school in the attendance area where the family or youth is currently residing
- •The right to receive transportation to his/her school of origin, if this is requested by the parent
- The right to services comparable to those received by housed schoolmates, including transportation and supplemental educational services
- The right to attend school along with children not experiencing homelessness. Segregation based on a student's status as homeless is strictly prohibited

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