


Did You Know?

There are 33,198 homeless children and youth in Kentucky ages 3-21.

If you are working with a family or child that is homeless, the family or child may qualify for services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The Act defines children who are homeless as:

 **Means individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence; and Includes-**

- (i) children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (these children are identified as “doubled up”); are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; **or are awaiting foster care placement;**
- (ii) children and youth who have a primary night-time residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- (iii) children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- (iv) migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of the subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

The Act provides assurance that children who are homeless receive transportation to and from school, free of charge, allowing children to attend their School of origin when it is determined to be in their best interest.

Currently, there are 16 school districts in Kentucky receiving McKinney Vento Funding. The districts are Fayette, Jefferson, Fulton, Hopkins, Henderson, Bell, Bullitt, Harlan, Letcher, Kenton, Independence, Covington Independent, Jessamine, Rowan, Greenup and Whitley.

The homeless coordinator for Kentucky is Mary Marshall.

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