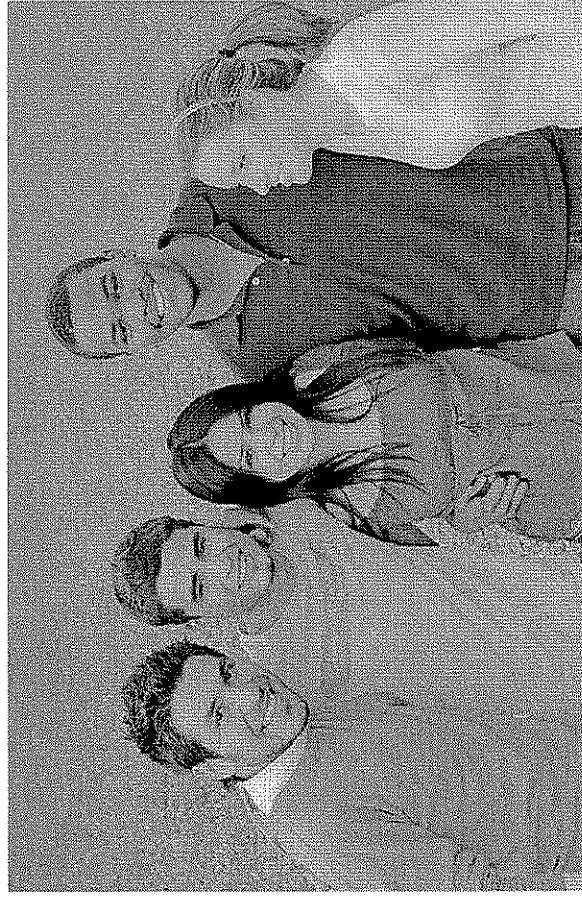


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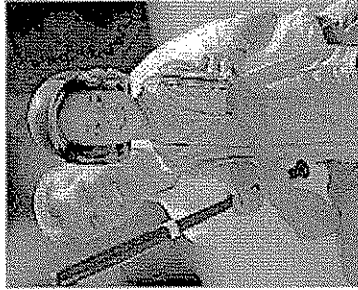
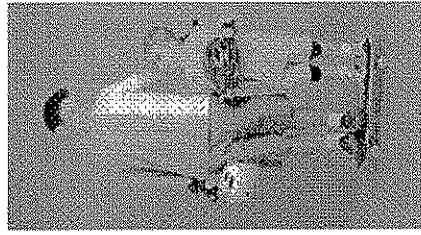


What Parents and School-Aged Youth Need to Know

Information for School-Aged Youth and Parents

If your family is living any of the following situations:

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- On the street
- In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing
- Or, if you are a youth separated from a parent or guardian and are living in this way



Then, you or your preschool-aged and school-aged children have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

They have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there. They must be given access to the same public education, including preschool education, provided to other students.
- Continue in the school they attended before they became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible. If a school sends the child to a school other than the one requested, the school must provide a written explanation and offer the right to appeal the decision.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before you or your family became homeless or the school last attended, if you or a guardian request such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the chosen school even while you and the school seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other students served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs.

Parents, when you move, you should do the following:

- Contact the school district's local liaison for homeless education for help in enrolling the child in a new school or arranging for the child to continue in his or her former school.
- Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping the 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.

