

Useful Links and Resources

Homeless Children and Youth Program:

<http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/fedprogram/discretionarygrants/homeless/>

U.S. Dept. of Ed:

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/homeless/legislation.html>

HUD: www.hud.gov

Heart to Heart Outreach Ministries

(Food Bank)
206 South Pine Street
417-345-6200

Food Commodities

Call for information and to sign up
417-345-6418

OACAC

Help for various issues
Call for an appointment
417-345-7964

Missouri Job Center

Mary Tinker
Transition to and employment help
Weekly at 417-345-7964

Dallas County R-1 Schools' Homeless Liaison

Teresa Coltrin, Homeless Liaison for
Dallas County R-1 Schools
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417-345-2222 ext. 3139

State Coordinator

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Dallas County
Schools

McKinney-

Vento

Homeless

Assistance

Act

Educating
Missouri's
Children

Who Are The Homeless?

Children or youth, who lack a **fixed, regular, and adequate** nighttime residence, includes:

- Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship also known as “doubling up”
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds.
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Awaiting foster-care placement
- Living in a nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation.
- Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings

McKinney-Vento Act also recognizes unaccompanied youth not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian as homeless.

Resources:
McKinney-Vento Homeless Act of 2001

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

What are some *common signs of homelessness?

- Lack of continuity in Education
- Poor Health and Nutrition
- Transportation problems
- Attendance problems
- Poor Hygiene
- Lack of a personal space/supplies to complete homework
- Social and Behavioral Concerns
- Parents/Guardian/Student exhibiting anger or embarrassment over resident and last school addresses.
- Youth’s Educational Rights when home is disrupted.

*Signs may vary within a student population depending on age and geographical location. These are general signs and a guideline.

Resource: Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Services Offered to Homeless Youth

Included but not limited to:

- ✓ Prompt enrollment
- ✓ Free lunch/Breakfast
- ✓ School Transportation to previous school (within reason)
- ✓ Special Ed. Services
- ✓ School Supplies
- ✓ Activity fees
- ✓ After school tutoring
- ✓ Parent Training/involvement
- ✓ Community Services
- ✓ Clothing and school supplies