



Homelessness Assistance

PLA works to help provide services to scholars and families experiencing homelessness in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act.

The McKinney-Vento Act protects scholars from discrimination based on their lack of a permanent residence. Homeless scholars are those who lack a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence. This includes scholars who are sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason; are living in motels/ hotels, trailer parks, or campgrounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals.

Scholars experiencing homelessness are eligible to receive a variety of services including:

- Immediate enrollment (even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.)
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school helps gather needed documents
- Transportation Services to and from the school of origin (if requested)
- Free meals under the school nutrition programs
- Limited English Proficiency Classes
- Gifted and Talented Programs
- Special Education Services

For questions regarding the McKinney-Vento Act or available resources please contact your school to speak with the local McKinney-Vento Liaison or social worker for assistance.

McKinney-Vento Act State Contact, Helpful Links, Additional Resources & Assistance Documents:

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[Indiana Education for Homeless Children & Youth \(INEHCY\)](#)

[NCHE - National Center for Homeless Education](#)

[Homeless Assistance – “Keys to Housing”](#)

[Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority](#)

Additional Resources

[A Parent's Guide to the Rights of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness](#)

[IN Handbook of Help](#)

[IN Guide to Housing Assistance and Coordinated Entry](#)

[2-1-1 – Get Connected / Get Help](#)

Assistance Documents

- [PLA - McKinney-Vento Housing Questionnaire](#)
- [PLA - Notice of Dispute Resolution Procedure](#)
- [PLA – Foster Care Transportation Agreement](#)
- [PLA – Foster Care Transportation Form](#)