# Homeless Education



PA Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program

### **HOMELESS EDUCATION**

According to PDE, Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program was established to make sure homeless youth have access to a free and appropriate public education while removing barriers that homeless children face. Its goal is to have the educational process continue as uninterrupted as possible while the children are in homeless situations.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001

## **Homeless Education Information**

Department of Education Homeless Education website

#### **Definition of Homelessness:**

Homeless students are defined as individuals lacking a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence, which include the following conditions:

- 1. Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing or economic hardship.
- 2. Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- 3. Living in emergency, transitional, or domestic violence shelters.
- 4. Abandoned in hospitals.
- 5. Whose primary nighttime residence is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings.

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- 6. Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, transportation stations or similar settings.
- 7. Living as migratory children in conditions described in previous examples.
- 8. Living as run-away children.
- 9. Abandoned or forced out of homes by parents/guardians or caretakers.
- 10. Living as school-aged parents in houses for parents if they have no other living accommodations.

#### **Homeless Education Resources**

<u>Finding your Way in PA</u> APP has been launched and is available to download on all 3 platforms (Web, Google Play Store & Apple App Store). Families can search for services by zip code and connect with resources easily.

For more information, please visit <a href="https://findingyourwayinpa.com">https://findingyourwayinpa.com</a>

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#### **Forms and Documents**

Homeless Intake Form

Dispute Letter

**Dispute Resolution Process**