

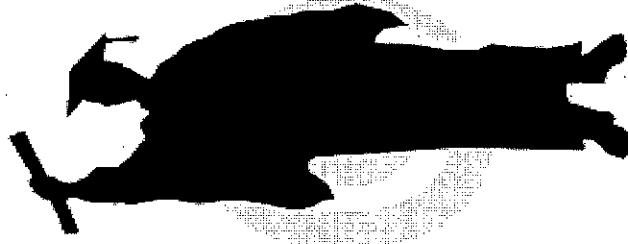
Definition

Children & youth who lack a fixed, regular, & adequate residence including:

- * Temporarily "doubled-up" with relatives or friends due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason
- * Living in motels, hotels, or campgrounds, due to the lack of alternative accommodations
- * Abandoned in hospitals
- * Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- * Awaiting foster care placement
- * Runaway youth
- * Children or youth not residing with their legal parent or guardian.

(McKinney-Vento Homeless Act of 2001)

Richmond R16, Homeless Services



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Ray County Health Dept.
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Ray County Board of Services
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Ray County Hospital
816-470-5432

Ray County Community
Services
816-776-5904

Ray County Crisis Intervention
Services
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Ray County Public Housing
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Ray County Transportation
816-776-8058

Richmond R16 School District

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Educational Rights

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children in homeless situations have the right to:

- * Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
- * Attend either the local school or the school of origin and receive transportation to and from the school of origin.
- * Enroll in the school immediately, even if missing documents normally required for enrollment such as birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records.
- * Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students (such as free/reduced meals, other services they may qualify for including: English Language services, Title 1 services, special education, and gifted services)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Are families living in Section 8 housing considered homeless?

A. No HUD considers Section 8 fixed and regular

Q. What is the school of origin?

A. The specific school building the child was attending when they were permanently housed or the school they were last enrolled before becoming homeless.

Q. Are migrant children considered homeless?

A. If the housing they are living in is considered not fixed, regular or adequate they could be considered homeless. It must be looked at on a case by case basis.

Q. What is meant by immediate enrollment?

A. The homeless student should be enrolled without undue or unreasonable delay.

Q. How long can a child be homeless?

A. A district should review the status annually but as long as they do not have fixed, regular or adequate housing they can be considered homeless.

Service & Supports Available

- * Transportation
- * Free/Reduced Meals
- * Coordination with community agencies
- * Backpack Food Program
- * After School Tutoring

If you have any questions or concerns contact:

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