

## Information for Parents



If your family lives in any of the following situations:

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground
- On a street
- In an abandoned building, trailer or other inadequate accommodations, or
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing,

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

Your children have a **right to:**

- Stay in their school even if they move
- Enroll in a new school without proof of residency, immunizations, school records or other papers
- Get transportation to school
- Go to pre-school programs
- Get all the school services they need
- Have disagreements with schools settled quickly while attending their school of choice while disagreements are settled

When you move, please **do the following:**

- Contact the school district's local liaison for homeless education (see phone number below) for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school (or, someone at a shelter, social services office, or the school can direct you to the person you need to contact).
- Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your 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.

Local Area Contact: Jennifer Bartocci, McKinney-Vento Liaison  
St. Helens School District  
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State Contact: Dona Bolt, Oregon Department of Education  
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503.947.5781

If you need further assistance, call the National Center for Homeless Education at the:  
Toll-Free HelpLine number - 1-800-308-2145 or email to [homeless@serve.org](mailto:homeless@serve.org).