

# INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN KENTUCKY SCHOOLS

**Students living in any of the following living conditions may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act:**

- Living in a shelter, motel, car, park, abandoned building or campground
- Sharing housing due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- Living in substandard housing
- Unaccompanied youth (not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian)

**Eligible students have the right to:**

- Immediate enrollment in school, even without documents normally required for enrollment
- Enroll in school and fully participate while the school district gathers required documents
- Enroll in the local school near where you're staying or continue going to your school of origin (the school you went to when you last had a safe and stable place to live or the school where you were last enrolled)
  - If the school district believes that the school selected is not in the student's best interest, then the district must provide the parent, guardian or unaccompanied student with a written explanation of its position and inform the student of the right to appeal its decision
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin upon request
- Receive free school meals
- Access to all educational services, which may include counseling, tutoring, special education, gifted programs and extracurriculars



**If you believe you may be eligible, contact the local homeless liaison as soon as possible.**

**Local Liaison:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Address:**

**State Coordinator:** Zach Stumbo, Ph.D.

**Phone:** (502) 564-1473, ext. 4020

**Email:** [Zachary.stumbo@education.ky.gov](mailto:Zachary.stumbo@education.ky.gov)

**Address:** 300 Sower Blvd. – 5th floor, Frankfort, KY 40601

**If you need further assistance with your educational needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education:**

(305) 306-8495 | [NCHE.help@saferpartners.com](mailto:NCHE.help@saferpartners.com) | <http://nche.ed.gov>



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