



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PHILADELPHIA

**McKinney-Vento
and
Education for Children and Youth
Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH)**

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Objectives

- Understand homelessness as it relates to education and McKinney-Vento.
- Understand how ECYEH can support students/families.
- Discuss registration.
- Learn information to share with students/families.



What do we mean by homeless?

Children and youth who lack **fixed, regular, and adequate** nighttime residence.





What Does the Research Say?

The Socio-Emotional Impacts of Homelessness:

- Students who are sleep deprived and malnourished have a hard time focusing.
- Stress & Anxiety from family violence.
- Children have a hard time sitting still and may act out.
- More likely to be bullied or threatened by peers, even higher for those identifying as LBGQTQ+.
- Older students are more likely to hide their situation from others.



The Impacts of Homelessness on Academic Success:

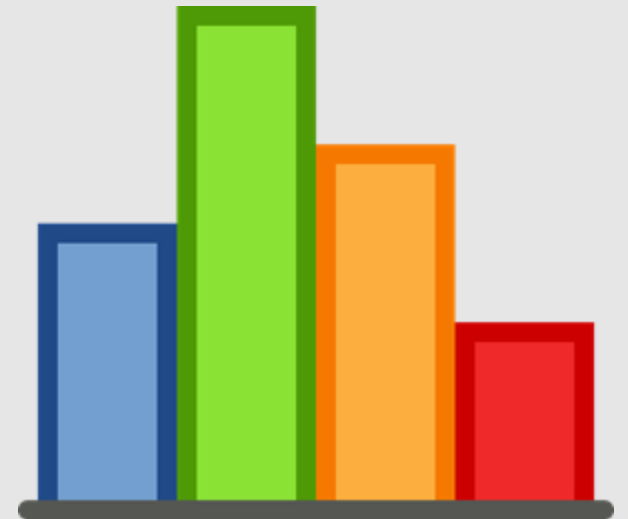
- Delays in language, literacy, and social-emotional development.
- Higher rates of truancy and suspension.
- Putting children at risk for later academic problems including risk of not graduating high school.



What keeps kids experiencing homelessness out of class?

The top challenges children experiencing homelessness faced in attending school were:

- 82%: Family worried about basic survival needs
- 43%: Lack of transportation
- 42%: Inability to do homework due to lack of a study area
- 30%: Lack of clothing and supplies
- 29%: Poor health and medical care



School mobility caused by homelessness...

- Mobile students suffer psychologically, socially, behaviorally, and academically.
- It takes children an average of **4-6 months** to recover academically after changing schools.
- Staff can identify the signs and advocate for students to get support for them to stay in their school of origin.



McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act



- A FEDERAL law that ensures immediate enrollment and educational stability for children and youth experiencing homelessness.
- Provides federal funding to states for the purpose of supporting district programs that serve students experiencing homelessness.
- Every Local Education Agency (school district) must designate a liaison for students who fall under McKinney-Vento.
 - Each Charter (as its own LEA) has a liaison
 - Counselors (or Principal designee) act as liaisons for each District school



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Key Points

- School of Origin and Enrollment: Policy 251
- Removing Barriers
 - Uniforms
 - Transportation
 - Emergency Funds
 - Internet
 - Resources/Referrals



Enrollment

- OLR-Online Registration
- Transferring within SDP
- Updating the address
- Residency Affidavit vs. McKinney-Vento



Collaboration

- Share information with students/families
- Hang a poster
- Schedule ECYEH to do a parent workshop at your site
(email vlawrence2@philasd.org)





An illustration of a family (father, mother, and two children) sitting on a yellow couch in a room with a window and framed certificates. A woman, presumably a school counselor, is sitting on a yellow chair to the right, using a laptop. A blue speech bubble above the family contains the text 'ECYEH' and a graphic of diverse people holding hands. The background is a solid yellow color.

ECYEH
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If you think you may be experiencing homelessness
Please talk to your School Counselor.

They can direct you to the right resources.

ECYEH
Education for Children and Youth
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(215)-400-4830 (option 4)
ecyeh@philasd.org

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Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH)

- Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Located in suite 243
- Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
- Phone: 215-400-4830 option 4
- Cell Phone: 267-784-9956
- Email: ecyeh@philasd.org (best way to reach us)
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- <https://www.philasd.org/homeless/>



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