Know Your Rights: Help For Students Who Are Homeless

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Are you:

- Living with friends or extended family?
- Living in a hotel or motel?
- Living in a shelter?
- Living in a car or RV?
- Living any place which is not permanent housing?

Your child has rights!

Your child has a right to:

- **STAY** in their current school OR
- **ENROLL** in the school district where you are staying.
- **START** classes and **ATTEND** school activities right away while paperwork for enrollment is gathered.
- GET EXTRA HELP to succeed in school, for free.

Need help?

- CALL the school district. ASK to speak to the McKinney-Vento liaison. You have the right to a hearing.
- **CALL** the Ohio Department of Education at: 614-387-7725 or 877-644-6338. **ASK** to speak to the McKinney-Vento Coordinator.
- SEND the school a letter asking for help. KEEP a copy. (A photo of your letter saved on your phone works well.)

What kind of help can you get?

- Help to stay in the same school
- Help to enroll in a new school
- Transportation
- Free school meals
- Uniforms
- School supplies

- After school activities and services by the school
- School fee waivers
- Getting copies of shot records
- Getting copies of birth certificates
- Referrals to health, counseling, dental, and other services

If You Need Free Legal Help: L: APPLY ONLINE:



CALL:

Legal Aid Line of Western Ohio: TOLL-FREE: (888) 534-1432 Legal Aid Line website: www.legalaidline.org



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