

## Who can I contact for help?

1. **National Center for Homeless Education Toll-free Helpline** 800-308-2145 or homeless@serve.org NCHE can explain your child's school rights and answer questions.
2. **Website:** www.serve.org/nche The NCHE website has a lot of good information, including a webpage for parents who want to help their child in school: www.serve.org/nche/ibt/parent\_res.php
3. Every school district has a **homeless education liaison**. This person can help you decide which school would be best for your child and communicate with the school.
4. The **school social worker, psychologist or counselor** can help your child deal with changes and challenges.
5. **Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Coordinator-Education for Homeless:**

Kristine Nadolski  
(608) 267-7338

Kathy Volk  
(920) 675-1062

### What Can I Do Before Moving?

- Tell school officials that your child is moving and give them your new address.
- Let them know if you want your child to stay in his/her home school (the current school).
- Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations.

### What Can I do to Help My Child in School?

- Make sure your child goes to school every day.
- Provide a quiet place for your child to do homework and set aside time to help your child with homework.
- Pay attention to your child's health needs and take care of problems early.
- Ask your child what he or she is learning in school.
- Read to your child every day or set aside time daily for time to read.
- Praise your child for what he or she does well.
- Listen to what your child share with you and talk about any problems.
- Encourage your child to participate in things like sports, music and clubs.

### Should I keep my child in her/his home school or transfer to the local school?

Moving from one school to another can be very difficult for children. They have to leave the friends and teachers they know. Because of this, it is usually best for your child to stay in his/her same school (the school of origin), but it is based on your individual family needs and situation.

School District of  
Jefferson

## Services for McKinney-Vento Eligible Students



**School Contact**  
**Director of Special Education**  
**and Pupil Services and**  
**McKinney-Vento School**  
**District Coordinator**  
**Kathy Volk**  
**(920) 675-1062**

or

**School Social Worker**  
**Dani Robb**  
**(920) 675-1133**



## Educational Rights and Services for your child.....

A student is considered “McKinney-Vento eligible” if he or she is presently:

- Living in a shelter
- Living in a hotel, motel or campground due to lack of adequate housing
- Sharing housing with relatives or others due to lack of housing
- Living at a train or bus station, park or in a car.
- Living in an abandoned building
- A youth not living with a parent or guardian
- A child awaiting foster care placement
- A child of a migrant worker
- In other situations that are not fixed, regular or adequate for night time residence

### **At school, ask if you qualify for any of these services:**

- Free Breakfast and lunch programs
- School supplies
- Transportation services
- Special education programs
- Tutoring programs
- Programs to help children learn English
- Gifted or Talented programs
- Summer school programs
- Pre-school programs
- After-school sports or other extra-curricular activities
- Field trip assistance

### **Tips for families who move often:**

- Keep a copy of birth certificates and school records available
- Safeguard all health and immunization records.
- Have a reliable person keep a second copy of the child’s birth certificate, school records, and health information.
- Enroll child in school as soon as possible.

### **Educational Rights:**

- Attend school, no matter where the student lives or how long they have lived there. You do not need a permanent address to enroll in school.
- Not be denied school enrollment just because school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- Attend the local school or parents may request their child continue in their school of origin. The school of origin is the school the child last attended or the school attended when they were last in permanent housing.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin until permanent housing is secured.
- Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students including transportation and supplemental educational services.