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PROGRAM

IS YOUR CHILD MISSING SCHOOL BECAUSE:

- You live in a shelter or motel?
- You live in a car
- You move frequently
- You live with family or friends due to financial hardship

WHO IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY MOBILE?

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children as youth between the ages of 2-18 years old, who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and may:

- Live in a hotel or motel
- Live in a shelter or transitional housing
- Live in an abandoned building, parked car, or other facility not designed as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- Share housing with another family due to loss of housing-stemming from financial hardship
- Live in a campsite due to lack of adequate living accommodations

FAMILY INFORMATION

WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW

- Highly mobile children have a right to attend school
- You do not need a permanent address to enroll your child in school
- Highly mobile children have the right to stay in their home school if the parents choose
- Your child cannot be denied school enrollment just because school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available
- Your child has the right to transportation services to and from the school of origin
- Your child has the right to participate in extra-curricular activities and all federal, state, or local programs for which he or she is eligible.

WHAT YOUR FAMILY CAN DO BEFORE YOU MOVE

- ✓ Tell your child's school that your child is moving and give them the new address
- ✓ Let school officials know if you want your child to stay in his or her home school while you are getting the family stabilized
- ✓ Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations

TIPS FOR FAMILIES WHO MOVE OFTEN

- ❖ Keep a copy of birth certificates and school records accessible
- ❖ Safeguard all health and immunization records
- ❖ Have a reliable person keep a copy of the child's birth certificate, school records, and health information
- ❖ Enroll children in a school as soon as possible
- ❖ Keep school informed regarding any change in contact information i.e., phone number and emergency contact

ASK ABOUT THESE SPECIAL SERVICES AT SCHOOL

- Free Breakfast and lunch programs
- Special Education programs, especially if the student has previously received Special Education services or a need is identified
- Tutoring Programs
- Counseling
- Programs to help children learn English
- Gifted or Talented programs
- Preschool programs
- Before and after-school programs

WITH THESE RIGHTS-YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO:

- Enroll your child in school promptly and have the student attend regularly
- Ask for tutoring/counseling to make up for any lost school time
- Meet with your child's teacher regularly to ensure that he/she is receiving appropriate academic support
- Be fully involved in your child's academic experience
- Notify the school when moving
- Ensure current school records, including immunization are updated
- Contact:
GMCS Homeless Program
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505-721-2240



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