



## **ECYEH Can Assist With These Services**

Tracking/transferring school records

Accessing educational programs

Problem-solving

Connections to resources in the community

Outreach visits

School related items

The ECYEH is a McKinney-Vento funded project of the Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12



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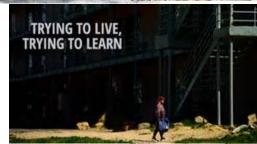
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# EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS—Region 3

UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH
GUIDE









### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- •that you have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education experience as other children and youth have, despite your housing mobility
- •that you can apply for federal student aid without parent/guardian signature, and without reporting your parents income (submitting a FAFSA, free application for federal student aid)
- •that you are considered homeless no matter what circumstances that led up to your separation from your family; this includes if you ran away from home and/or are being denied housing by your family
- •that 87% of homeless students drop out of school and are twice as likely to become unemployable adults trapped in poverty
- •that in school year 2013-14 across our country's public school system, that more than 1.3 million homeless students, a 7% increase from the prior year and more than double the number in 2006-07



# **McKinney-Vento Act**

Definition of an unaccompanied youth:

A youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian:

This means that the youth is not living with a parent or guardian, and includes youth who are residing with a caregiver who does not have legal guardianship and youth who are living on their own

Definition of homeless children or youth:

An individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residences

### Commitment

Our team is committed to providing assistance with coordination and collaboration of services to ensure that you have the opportunity to succeed in school.

**ECYEH Region 3** 

# **A Students Rights**

- Receive assistance from the school district homeless liaison
- Enroll in school and begin attending classes immediately
- •Continue attending the school of origin even if they are staying in another school district, if it is in your best interest
- •Receive transportation to your school of origin
- Participate fully in school, including extracurriculum activities
- Receive credit for full or partial coursework if satisfactorily completed while attending a prior school
- Automatically eligible for free school meals
- •Receive assistance from school counselors to advise, prepare, and improve your readiness for college
- Be informed of and obtain verification of your status as an independent student for financial aid

