

Wishkah School District McKinney Vento Program

According to the state Office of Public Instruction, there are more than 35,000 public school students who are homeless in Washington State. These kids are in shelters, couch surfing, sleeping in cars or out on the streets. More than two-thirds of those kids are in families that are doubled up with other families. No student should have to worry, at four o'clock in the afternoon, where am I going to sleep tonight?



Resources:

Department of Social and Health Services
www.dshs.wa.gov
415 W Wishkah St, Aberdeen
877-5019208

Grays Harbor Youth Center
111 E 4th St, Aberdeen
(360) 589-3259 - 24 hr. line

Coastal Community Action Program
(360) 533-5100

Housing Authority of Grays Harbor County
(360) 532-0570

Grays Harbor Family Center
(360) 533-9470

Salvation Army
(360) 533-1062

HousingSearchNW.org

National Center for Homeless Education
homeless@serve.org
800-308-2145

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McKinney-Vento Act

What is the McKinney-Vento Act?

The McKinney-Vento Act is a law passed in 1987 and re-authorized in 2015 under the Every Student Succeeds Act. The McKinney-Vento Act removes barriers to access or success for homeless children in school.

How does the law define homelessness?

An individual is “homeless” who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This definition of homelessness includes those living in shelters, motels, campgrounds, cars, abandoned buildings, or other inadequate shelter. The law also includes situations in which an individual shares housing with relatives or others because he or she has lost housing or cannot afford housing due to economic hardship.

Students qualifying for McKinney-Vento have the right to:

- * Receive a free and appropriate public education
- * Receive support from the school district’s McKinney-Vento Liaison
- * Enroll in school immediately
- * Access the same programs and services as other students
- * Receive free/reduced lunch

Students may also qualify for:

- * Clothing and hygiene assistance upon availability
- * Reduced or waived fees for school sports and activities
- * Referrals for health care, financial aid, housing, and utility support
- * Extra academic support

Who qualifies?

Families that are:

- * Sharing the housing of other persons due to a loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason
- * Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, cars, substandard housing, abandoned buildings, and/or campgrounds
- * Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- * Awaiting foster care placement
- * An unaccompanied youth (not living with your parent or guardian) living in a temporary situation and,
- * A migratory child who qualifies based on above circumstances

