## **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS** The McKinney-Vento Act



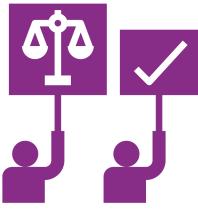
## ARE YOU TEMPORARILY STAYING IN:

- someone else's house or apartment because you had to leave your home?
- a hotel or motel?
- a shelter?
- a car, park, campground, abandoned building, or other inadequate space?

## Your local school district's homeless liaison may be able to help!

If you are staying in these living situations, you have the right to receive extra services and supports in school under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. These include:

- Staying in the same school, even if you move, and receiving free transportation to and from that school if it is in your best educational interest to stay
- Immediate enrollment, even if you don't have the documents that are typically required for enrollment
- Receiving free school meals
- Help for planning for college



• Referrals to the community for help with other needs

## Please reach out to the homeless liaison to see if you may be eligible.



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If you are unable to reach the liaison, please contact your McKinney-Vento Homeless Education State Coordinator: <u>schoolhouseconnection.org/homeless-directory</u>