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McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act and Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (Pennsylvania ECYEH) Program was established to make sure homeless youth have access to a free and appropriate public education while removing barriers that homeless children face.

What is the definition of a “homeless youth” under McKinney-Vento?

“Homeless” is defined as “anyone lacking a fixed, adequate, regular nighttime residence.”

What situations fit this definition?

- Staying in the home of other people due to unavailable housing, financial hardship, eviction or similar circumstances.
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks (in some instances – examples: leaking roof, no heat, etc.), public places, or campgrounds due to unavailable suitable housing options.
- Living in an emergency shelter or transitional housing.
- Unaccompanied (not living in direct care of legal parent or guardian) or runaway youth.
- Refugee and migrant youth.

Please contact the HISTCS Liaison, Mama Goldie, to find out what services and support may be available at gbarnes@histcs.org or (215) 472-8770.

Education for Self-reliance