

## Who is Homeless?



If due to a lack of housing, you must live in any of the following situations, then according to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, you are considered homeless:

- ◆ Lack a regular, fixed and adequate nighttime residence
- ◆ Living in a shelter, motel or hotel
- ◆ Living in an unsheltered nighttime residence such as a car, campground or park
- ◆ Living doubled up with family or friends due to economic hardship
- ◆ Unaccompanied Youth
- ◆ Emergency foster placement

## What Are Your Rights?

### Children's Rights

Under The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, your child has the following rights:

- ◆ **Choice of school** – no matter where you live your child may continue to attend the school they were enrolled in prior to becoming homeless.
- ◆ **Transportation** – The school district must offer transportation to and from school for the duration of homelessness



- ◆ **Immediate enrollment** – You may enroll and attend in a new school without giving a permanent address

**Continued Services** – Services continue to the end of the school year or for the duration of homelessness. Services also continue while you and the school seek to

resolve any disputes over enrollment.

### We Can Help

Your School District Homeless Liaison can help with:

- ◆ Bus Passes
- ◆ Counseling
- ◆ School Supplies
- ◆ Help getting back into school
- ◆ Community resources

## When You Move

### Moving To A New Place

- ◆ Try to plan your move at a time that will be least disruptive to your child's education.
- ◆ Inform your child's school of your plans to move
- ◆ Contact your school district's homeless liaison
- ◆ If moving to a new school district, enroll your child as soon as possible
- ◆ Contact the homeless liaison in the new district
- ◆ Allow your child time to say goodbye
- ◆ Ask for a copy of all school records to facilitate your child's enrollment in the new school

### Other Helpful Tips

- ◆ Keep a copy of birth certificates and school records for yourself
- ◆ Keep health and immunization records



## School District Contacts

For more information, please call the Homeless Coordinator in your School District

<b>Atascadero USD</b>	Kathy Hannemann 462-4227
<b>Cayucos Elementary</b>	George Erdelyi 995-3694
<b>Coast Unified</b>	Bob Watt 927-7148
<b>Lucia Mar USD</b>	Mike Miller 474-3000 X1110
<b>Paso Robles JUSD</b>	Paulette Pahler 238-2222 X337
<b>Pleasant Valley JUSD</b>	Tom Apkarian 467-3453
<b>San Luis Coastal USD</b>	Melissa Musgrave 549-1219
<b>San Miguel JUSD</b>	Carla Morris 467-3216 X215
<b>Shandon JUSD</b>	John Svinth 238-0286
<b>Templeton USD</b>	Paul Jacobs 434-5875
<b>SLO Court &amp; Community Schools</b>	John Elfers 782-7209

- ◆ Know your child's teacher
- ◆ Help with school activities
- ◆ Support your children at home and at school
- ◆ Read to your children
- ◆ Encourage your children to read
- ◆ Establish a regular time for doing homework
- ◆ Set high expectations for your children
- ◆ Encourage your children to participate in learning activities outside of school
- ◆ Become a partner with school staff

## FAMILY RESOURCES

### EMERGENCY

Police, Fire, Ambulance	911
Adult Protective Services	781-1790
Child Welfare Services (CWS)	781-5437
Women's Shelter (emergency)	781-6400
Sexual Assault, Recover & Prevention (SARP)	545-8888
Victim Witness Program	781-5821
SLO Hotline	549-8989 or 211
Poison Control	1-800-876-4766
Suicide Crisis Hotline	1-800-549-8989

### HOUSING

CAP-SLO Homeless Shelter	781-3993
CAP-SLO Homeless Outreach	541-6351
ECHO Shelter Atascadero	542-3663
Housing Authority	543-4478
People Self Help Housing	781-3088
Prado Day Center	786-0617

### FOOD/NUTRITION

Food Stamps	781-1600
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	781-5570
Food Bank Coalition	238-4664
Harvest Bag	489-4223
Loaves and Fishes (Paso Robles)	238-4742
Loaves and Fishes (Atascadero)	461-1504
People's Kitchen	544-8047

### FAMILY/COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Community Link—Atascadero	466-5404
SAFE Family Resource Center, South County	474-2105
SLO Family Resource Center	549-1219
Parent Connection	543-3700

### MEDICAL

Medi-Cal	781-1600
Medi-Cal Provider List	1-800-322-6384
Community Health Center	269-1500

### TRANSPORTATION

SCAT	781-4472
Central Coast Transit	541-2228
Ride Sharing	541-2277
Ride-On Shuttle	541-8747
RUNABOUT Van Services	541-2544



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## FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

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