



The ECYEH Program Can Assist With:

Training and education

Increasing public awareness of homelessness

Interagency problem solving

Assisting with enrollment and records transfers

Accessing educational programs

Outreach visits

School related items

Helpful Links:

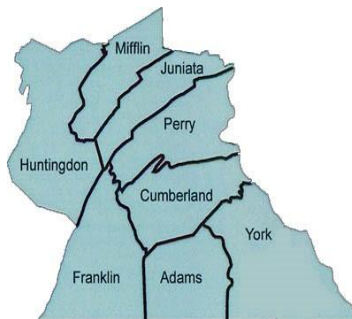
www.iu12.org

www.facebook.com/ECYEHPA

Local Resources—Finding Your Way in PA
<https://findingyourwayinpa.com>



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REGION 3—COVERAGE MAP

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EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS - REGION 3



GENERAL INFORMATION



Our Goal

- Ensure that all children and youth experiencing homelessness enroll, participate, and have the opportunity to succeed in school
- Ensure children and youth experiencing homelessness receive a free and appropriate public education on an equal basis
- Eliminate and/or reduce educational barriers through the use of local “best practices” and the authorized activities of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- Reduce the disruption in the educational lives of children and youth experiencing homelessness
- Increase awareness about the nature and extent of the problems children and youth experiencing homelessness have enrolling in an gaining access to educational programs
- Explain and build on the laws and policies already in place, which overcome these barriers

Our Commitment

Our team is committed to providing assistance with coordination and collaboration of services to ensure each student experiencing homelessness has an opportunity to succeed in school.



McKinney-Vento Act

How does McKinney-Vento define homelessness?

The term “homeless children and youth”, which means “individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.”

The definition includes but is not limited to children who are:

- sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- are living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- or are abandoned in hospitals;
- who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and

Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above

Unaccompanied Youth Definition:

A youth who is not in the physical custody of a legal parent or guardian

A Students Rights

- Immediate enrollment and full participation in all school activities for eligible children, even when records normally required for enrollment are not available
- The right to remain in their school of origin (the school the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled), when it is in their best interest to do so
- Transportation to and from the school of origin at the request of legal parent or guardian, or in the case of an unaccompanied youth
- Provision of services comparable to services offered to other student in the school
- Removal of barriers to accessing academic and extracurricular activities, who meet the relevant eligibility criteria
- The right of legal parents/guardians, or unaccompanied youth to dispute an eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision, and for them to be admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending the resolution of the dispute; and
- Rights and protections specifically for an unaccompanied youth who are experiencing homelessness, including allowing them to be immediately enrolled without proof of guardianship

