



HOMELESS

But not helpless.

The MPS Homeless Education Program (HEP) is here to help homeless children and youth succeed in school.

We can help you by:

- Providing transportation to the school you attended before you had to move
- FREE breakfast and lunch
- Tutoring and homework help
- Books and school supplies
- Obtaining immunizations
- Before- and after-school programs and activities
- Translation and ESL services

(414) 475-8911

If you require further assistance, contact the Homeless Education Program office at

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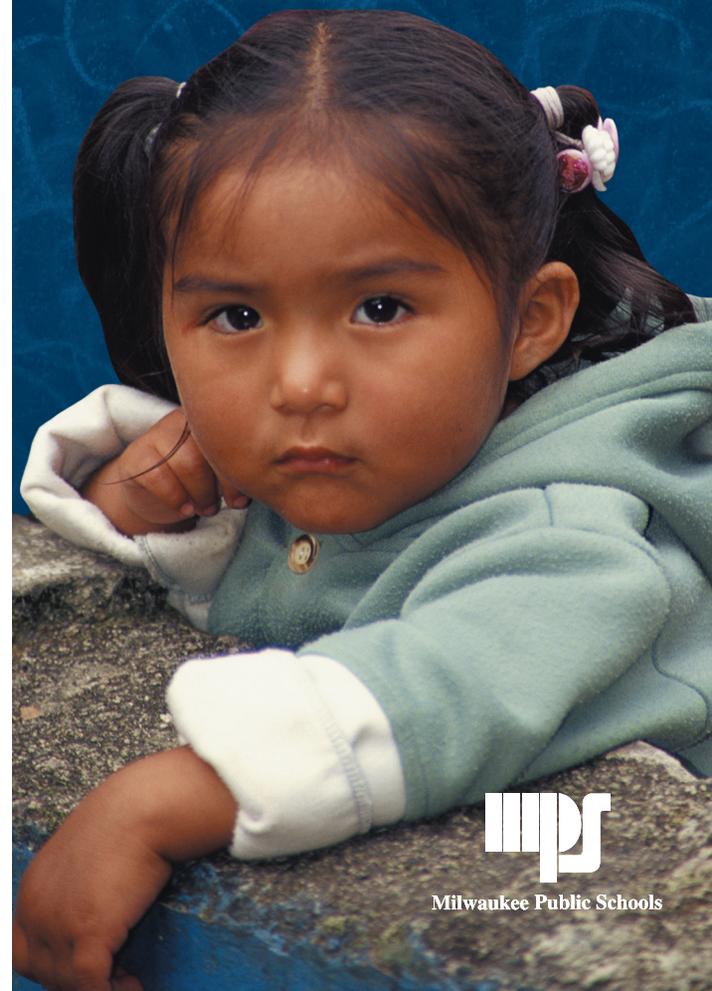
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The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act was created to make sure that homeless children have the same opportunity to be successful in school as non-homeless children.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines homelessness as lacking a “fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.”

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“Before the HEP my kids were failing school. They had to switch schools three times in one year. When I tried to keep them in a school after I had to move, they missed a lot of days because I couldn’t always get them there. Now, thanks to the HEP, they get to stay in their school and have a bus. The HEP also helped out with school supplies, clothing, and lots of other things. Now my children love going to school and are passing all of their subjects!”

– MPS Parent

Q Who is homeless according to the McKinney-Vento Act?

A Children, youth and/or families are homeless if they are:

- Living doubled up with another family because they have no other choice
- Staying in shelters, including domestic abuse shelters
- Awaiting foster care placement
- Living in locations such as:
 - Motels
 - Hotels
 - Cars
 - Parks
 - Abandoned buildings



Q What do I do if I am forced to move from my home?

A You should do the following:

- Contact your MPS homeless coordinator at **(414) 475-8911** to get help in enrolling your children in a new school or to keep your children in the school they were attending before you moved.
- Tell your new school what will help your children succeed.
- Ask the MPS homeless coordinator for help in getting food, clothing, and school supplies.

Q What do I do if I am homeless?

A If you are in a homeless situation ask to speak to your MPS school’s Homeless Contact person to assist you in getting your needs met and arranging services.

Q How can the Homeless Education Program help?

A The HEP explains your rights and helps you get the following services at no cost:

- Enrollment assistance, including help in obtaining needed school and medical records and immunizations
- Transportation
- Free breakfast/lunch
- Tutorial programs
- Before- and after-school programs
- Books and school supplies
- Waiver of school fees
- Preschool/early education programs
- Translation and ESL services
- Referral to social services agencies, community resources, and other related services that can assist homeless families with basic needs
- Assistance with the appeal process if you feel your rights have been denied