Families Should Know:

- ♦ You do not need a permanent address to enroll your child in school.
- ♦ Your child cannot be denied school enrollment when school records or other documentation are not immediately available.
- ◆ Your child may be eligible to remain in the same school even if you move; or, to attend the school where you are temporarily residing.
- ♦ Your child has the right to transportation services to and from the school of origin.
- ♦ Your child automatically qualifies to participate in free breakfast and lunch programs.
- ♦ Your child has the right to participate in extracurricular activities for which he/she is eligible.
- ♦ Unaccompanied youth lacking fixed regular, and adequate housing have these same rights.
- ♦ Privacy of records and living situation
- ◆ You may appeal a school's decision if a placement dispute occurs.

For Assistance, reach out to Bliss's Homeless Liaison:

Tracy Dalin

Phone: 208-352-4445

E-mail:

Tracy.dalin@bliss234.org

For more information related to
Title IX -A Homeless
Education, Title I -D
Neglected, Delinquent & At Risk:
Suzanne M. Peck Idaho State
Department of Education
PO Box 83720 650 W. State St.
Boise, ID 83720 -0027
208 -332 -6904
www.sde.idaho.gov/federal programs/homeless/index.html

Bliss School District #234

Homeless Student

Education



The McKinney-Vento Act ensures that all children and youth who lack a fixed, regular and adequate night-time residence are provided with equal access.

The McKinney-Vento Act is designed to address the challenges that homeless children and youths face to succeed in school by removing barriers related to enrollment, fines, records, residency and attendance.



- ♦ Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals.
- ♦ Children and youth 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.
- ♦ Children and youth 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 for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described above.

At school, ask about these services:

- **♦** Tutoring programs
- ♦ Programs to help children learn English
- ♦ Title I Programs
- **♦** Transportation
- ◆ Gifted or Talented programs
- ♦ Summer School programs
- ♦ Before and after School Programs
- ♦ Homeless assistance programs
- ♦ Mentoring programs
- ◆ FASFA, College and Career Assistance
- ♦ Community Resource information
- ♦ Special Education programs for students with disabilities, especially if the student has previously received special education services

School Professionals may also provide:

- ♦ Quiet time or a personal space to allow your child to complete homework at school.
- ♦ Basic school supplies
- ♦ Contact information or community agencies and helpful resource assistance

Tips for families who move often:

- Keep a copy of birth certificates and school records accessible
- Safeguard all health and immunization records
- Have a reliable person keep a second copy of the child's birth certificate, school records, and health information
- Enroll children in school as soon as possible

What you can do before moving:

- Tell your child's principal that your child is moving and give the new address
- Let school officials know if you want your child to stay in his/ her school of origin while you are getting the family stabilized
- Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations