

Homeless Education

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The ROE 50 Homeless Program strives to ensure homeless children and youth have equal access to the same public and preschool programs as housed students. Hundreds of children and youth in St. Clair County do not have a home of their own. Their parent, guardian or caregiver is in a situation that does not afford them access to permanent housing. Homeless teens, or unaccompanied youth, often "couch surf" living apart from their parents or guardians in many times unstable or inadequate living situations.

In St. Clair County, most of these students live doubled-up with family or friends, oftentimes moving from place to place. Other families with housing crisis are living in motels, campgrounds, automobiles or some other arrangements. Consistent attendance at school can be extremely challenging unless the family and school are in constant communication about the transitional living situation. Parents and someone on school staff that the family feels comfortable with must talk regularly to ensure the parent, guardian, caregiver, and/or student receives appropriate educational services and are aware of the rights of children and youth in homeless situations. Furthermore, schools can identify needs of the homeless child or youth and provide possible resources or referral to the ROE homeless education coordinator.

McKinney-Vento Act and other General Information

Who Are Homeless Children and Youth

<https://content.schoolinsites.com/api/documents/626250fef4244c58b7974b9ec188f723.pdf>

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

<https://nche.ed.gov/mckinney-vento/>

Resources

Community Resources St. Clair County

<http://stc708.org/resources/>

Food Pantries

<https://www.foodpantries.org/st/illinois>

ISBE Resources For School Districts:

ISBE Homeless Education Page

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Homeless.aspx>

Homeless and ESSA State Plan

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ESSAStatePlanforIllinois.pdf#page=127>

COVID-19 Coronavirus and COVID-19 and Homelessness

<https://nche.ed.gov/covid-19-coronavirus-information/>

<https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/covid19-and-homelessness/>

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/covid19.aspx>

General Information and Forms

Caregiver Authorization Form

FAQs on the Educational Rights of Children and Youth in Homeless Situations

Local Liaison Information Form

District Program Monitoring Tool

Homeless Dispute Resolution Center

Homeless Education Common Form

Transportation Plan