

MCKINNEY-VENTO

A PROGRAM FOR UNHOUSED K-12 STUDENTS

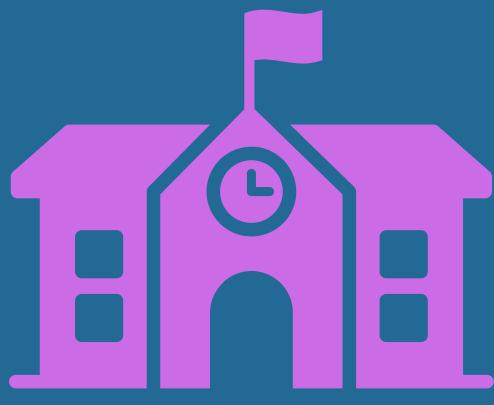


This toolkit is meant to be a starting point for understanding the federal act McKinney-Vento (MKV). There are hyperlinks throughout the toolkit where you can dive deeper into what you're reading. If you have questions it is strongly encouraged that you reach out to your local MKV liaison.



ATTENTION!

SCHOOL STAFF, COUNSELORS, TEACHERS



STEPS TO SUCCESS

You can help support school aged youth and children experiencing homelessness by knowing and practicing the McKinney-Vento Act within your school.

- 1** Reach out to your districts expert the McKinney-Vento liaison
- 2** Review important McKinney-Vento documents: MKV materials
- 3** Identify outside supports in your community: resources and services
- 4** Ensure McKinney-Vento youth are identified, enrolled, and supported with the utmost respect and care

HISTORY OF THE ACT

McKinney-Vento (MKV) is a federal law that was passed in 1987.

The law has since been amended with greater focus on K-12 students experiencing housing insecurity.

This act is meant to help remove any barriers that a child, youth, or young adult that is experiencing homelessness may have.

Did you know

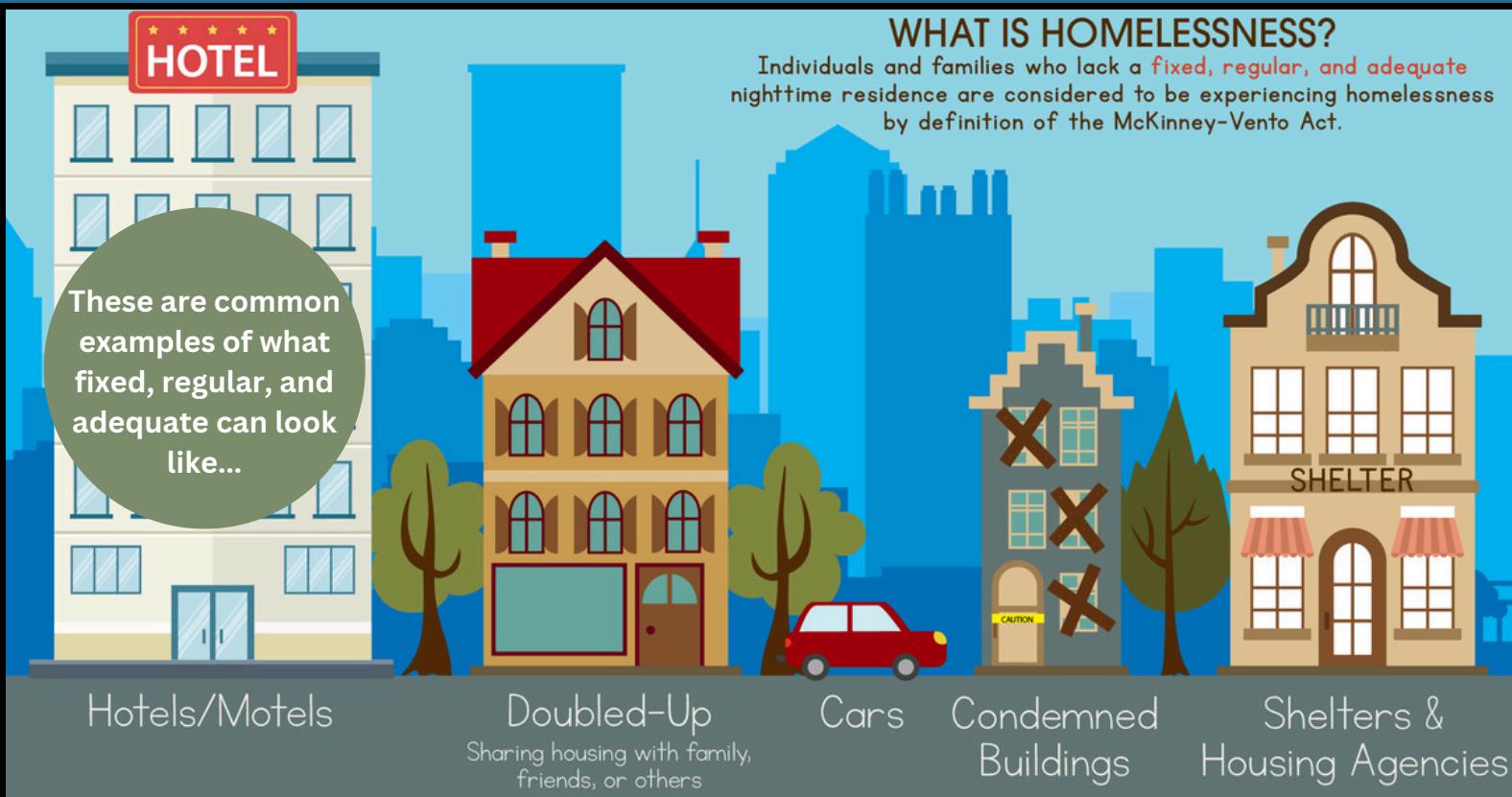
“...During the 2021-22 school year in Colorado 17,957 students were experiencing homelessness...”

-Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH)

For the detailed report click here
[2023 report](#)



WHAT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MEANS ACCORDING TO THE ACT



FIXED

A **fixed** residence is stationary, permanent, and doesn't change.

REGULAR

A **regular** residence is one that is used on a regular basis (i.e. nightly).

ADEQUATE

An **adequate** residence is one that is sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs of an individual.

To learn more: [Fixed, Regular, Adequate on page 5](#)

How MKV can support your students!

Immediate SCHOOL enrollment!

With or without parent signatures. Even if paperwork is delayed or late



Transportation!

To and from the school of origin (school that student was last enrolled in) even if they're presently living outside of the district

Paid for School activities!

This can include:

School supplies, clothing, lunch, additional school and sport fees, extracurricular activities, etc.



To learn more: [educational rights](#)

WHAT MIGHT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS LOOK LIKE?

You know your students best. If you're uncertain here are some common signs:



Taking extra portions of food, wearing the same or unclean clothing

Difficulties with transportation, attendance, and paying fees for field trips or sports



Housing that is frequently changing and unstable, or staying with another family or friend.

Consistently turning assignments in late or not at all



To learn more: [common signs](#)

Help us share this **RIGHT** with your schools youth and families!



“16% of Coloradans experiencing homelessness are under 18”
-2023 PIT Count
-CCH report

In 2021-2022 the Colorado Balance of State identified 3,423 students that were unhoused via MKV.

-CCH report

