

### **Homeless Coordinator**

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### **Defining Homeless**

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children as “individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.” The act provides examples of children who would fall under this definition:

- Children and youth sharing housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason
- Children and youth living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to lack of alternative accommodations
- Children and youth living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Children and youth awaiting foster care placement
- Children and youth whose primary nighttime residence is not ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation (e.g. park benches, etc)
- Children and youth living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations
- Migratory children and youth living in any of the above situations

### **Families may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.**

Eligible students have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education
- Enroll in school if lacking documents normally required for enrollment
- Attend class while school gathers needed documents
- Continue attending their school of origin
- Receive transportation to and from school if requested
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students according to the student’s needs.

### **Helpful Links and Resources**

- [Attleboro Homeless Shelters and Services for the Needy](#)
- [Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – District of Greater Attleboro](#)
- [Homeless Shelters and Services for the Needy in Brockton](#)
- [Taunton Housing Authority](#)
- [MA Coalition for the Homeless](#)
- [MA Department of Housing and Community Development](#)