

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS REGARDING HOMELESS SERVICES

If your family lives in any of the following situations – in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground; on the street; in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodation; or doubled up with friends or family because you cannot find or afford housing – then your preschool-aged and school-aged children have certain rights and protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.

Your eligible children have the right to: receive a free, appropriate education; enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment; enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents; enroll in the local school, or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference and is feasible; if the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision; receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this; receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you find your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison, Nate Huggins, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Support, at 270-765-6146, to find out what services and supports may be available. Assistance can also be obtained from the Family Resource/Youth Services Center, 270-765-7649, located at Panther Academy, 634 N Mulberry, Elizabethtown, KY.