

# The Stewart B. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

## Local Education Agency Monitoring Instrument

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose:** *The purpose of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act is to ensure that all homeless children and youth have **equal access** to the same free, appropriate public education, including public preschool education, provided to other children and youth. The primary focus of this program is to facilitate the enrollment, attendance, and success in school of homeless children and youth.*

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES**

#### **1. Removal of barriers to school enrollment:**

- Review and revise policies to eliminate barriers to the enrollment, attendance, and success in school of homeless children and youth.
- Designation of homeless liaison to coordinate services with other agencies.
- The district provides transportation that is at least comparable to regular students.

#### **2. School Enrollment:**

- Students are enrolled in the school determined to be in the child's best interest.

#### **3. Liaisons:**

- Each district is required to designate an individual to serve as a homeless liaison.
- The local liaison informs service providers, advocates, and the homeless about the duties responsibilities of the liaison.

#### **4. Provision and coordination of services:**

- Homeless students receive services that are comparable to services offered to other students: *(circle all that apply)*

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| -preschool programs   | -extended school services   | -gifted         |
| -vocational education | -nutrition programs         | -transportation |
| -special education    | -extracurricular activities | -FRYSC's        |
| -parenting classes    | -health referrals           | -counseling     |

## 5. Eligibility:

- Students receiving services meet one of the definitions of homelessness.
- A child who ceases to be homeless may continue to receive services until the end of the period for which service was originally intended— which may be the end of the school year or the end of a program cycle.

## 6. Services to non-homeless students:

- Non-homeless children and youth may receive services supported through program funds if these services are provided to homeless students on school grounds and the non-homeless students are at risk of failing or dropping out of school. (*Section 723 (a)(2)*)

## 7. Authorized Activities:

- All LEAs who receive funding under the McKinney Act are encouraged to provide and implement the services outlined below to ensure that homeless children and youth enroll and succeed in school. Local educational agencies may also use grant funds to enter into contracts with other agencies or organizations to provide services for homeless children and youth. Please indicate which services your project provides:

### Educational Services:

- tutoring                      -supplemental instruction                      -before and after school programs
- summer programs                      -homework assistance                      -early childhood education
- educating parents of homeless children of their rights
- expediting evaluations of homeless children to measure strengths and needs

### Professional Development

- programs to raise the awareness among educators and pupil services personnel of the rights of homeless children.
- programs to raise the awareness of educators of the special needs of homeless children.

### Coordination of Services

- Coordinating services provided by schools and other agencies to homeless children to expand and enhance services.



