

# CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MCKINNEY-VENTO/CARE PROGRAM

## DEFINITION:

THE LAW DEFINES HOMELESSNESS AS CHILDREN WHO LACK A FIXED, REGULAR, AND ADEQUATE NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE.

THIS INCLUDES:

- SHARING HOUSING DUE TO ECONOMIC HARDSHIP
- LIVING IN A MOTEL, HOTEL, EMERGENCY SHELTER, OR VEHICLE
- UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

## STUDENT RIGHTS:

- Immediate school enrollment, even if lacking paperwork normally required
- Unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of parent or guardian) must be enrolled in school immediately, even if they do not have a parent or guardian to enroll them.
- Continued attendance in the school of origin or attendance area where student is living
- Comparable services that are available to all students
- Transportation to and from school of origin, upon parent or Liaison request

## PROCEDURE:

HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRES HELP STAFF IDENTIFY STUDENTS LIVING IN HOMELESS SITUATIONS. THIS ENSURES THAT THEY ARE PROVIDED WITH THE EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS, PROTECTIONS, AND SERVICES AFFORDED UNDER THE FEDERAL MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT.

### Identification

Most families self-identify through the Housing Questionnaire while completing data confirmation. School staff may refer students throughout the year as circumstances change.



### Data Review & Verification

Housing Questionnaires completed through Aeries are confirmed by the CARE Program. Hard copy questionnaires can be sent to the CARE office.



### Case Management

Support services are provided and follow-up is conducted throughout the year to verify housing stability and to address family needs.



### Questions

Eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis. Questions or concerns should be directed to the CARE Program at ext. 8967 or 8960.



### Dispute and Appeal Process:

If a dispute remains unresolved at the District level, the District Homeless Liaison shall forward all documentation to the Homeless Liaison at the County Office of Education (COE). If the dispute remains unresolved or is appealed, the COE Liaison shall forward all documentation to the State Homeless Coordinator. Children/youth can continue to attend school pending resolution.

### District Homeless Liaison:

Director of Health Services  
Katrina Gomez, DSW  
(909) 628-1201 ext. 8918



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### HOPE Family Resource Center

CARE Program:  
12970 Third Street, Chino  
(909) 628-1201 ext. 8960