McKinney-Vento Eligibility Determinations Flowchart

This flowchart is a guide to help you make decisions about the eligibility of children and youth experiencing homelessness under The McKinney-Vento Definition of Homeless in Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (section 721 et seq). This flowchart does not capture every housing situation, and all determinations should be made on a case-by-case basis.

For more information, see the resources available on the National Center for Homeless Education webpage Determining McKinney-Vento Program Eligibility.

EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Nighttime Residence

Missing one or more of the following traits: Fixed, regular, and adequate (i.e., the student can not go to the same place every night to sleep in a safe and sufficient space)

Doubled Up

Due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason

Hotels, Motels, Trailer Parks, Campgrounds

Due to lack of adequate alternative accommodations

Housing Type

A place not meant for people to live, e.g., porch, barn, storage unit, streets, car, etc.

Substandard housing, e.g., not up to code, lack of a fundamental utility, mold, vermin, etc.

Living in emergency or transitional shelters

NOT EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Living in the same place each night in a safe and sufficient space

Mutual decision made to live together for mutual benefit

Due to family choice, e.g., when a permanently housed parent accepts a new job and the family stays temporarily in a hotel, RV, etc. until they obtain new, permanent housing

For Situations Pertaining to Unaccompanied Youth
See the Unaccompanied Youth Eligibility Flowchart.

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EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

NOT EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Missing one or more of the following traits: Fixed, regular, and adequate	**Nighttime Residence**	Living in the same place each night in a safe and sufficient space
Due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason	**Doubled Up**	Mutual decision made to live together for mutual benefit
Due to lack of adequate alternative accommodations	**Hotels, Motels, Trailer Parks, Campgrounds**	Due to family choice
A place not meant for people to live; substandard housing; living in emergency or transitional shelters	**Housing Type**	

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