



national center for homeless education professional learning community

## Unaccompanied Youth



## **HOMELESS:**

SHOULD be enrolled as UHY under MV



Is the student residing with someone who is not a parent or court-appointed legal guardian?

## **NOT HOMELESS:**

SHOULD NOT be enrolled as UHY under MV



Family was evicted; cannot find housing all together; parent placed child temporarily with a friend or relative

Student left home due to danger or extreme conflict; student was put out of home by parent for similar reasons

Was the family homeless prior to the parent's incarceration? Is the caregiver arrangement not FRA?

The family lost housing; the parent placed the child temporarily with a friend or relative

Why is the student with this person?



**NEED MORE** 

**INFORMATION** 



Parent is incarcerated and a relative or friend agreed to care for the child; in state or out of state

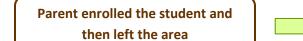


Parent transferred for work: student wants to stay and finish school

Student moved in with a friend. relative, or coach to play sports, be in the band, attend a magnet school, etc.

Student did not change residences, caregiver moved in; parent made FRA arrangements for the student prior to incarceration

Parent's work schedule was problematic, so the child stays with relatives for school





Adapted from a flowchart provided by Gay Thomas, Local Liaison, Virginia Beach Public Schools



## Determining McKinney-Vento Eligibility of Unaccompanied Youth Live Chat and Group Discussion: March 3, 2010

1. Is the student residing with someone who is not their parent or court appointed guardian?

If yes, continue to the next question.

2. Does the student meet the definition of homeless under McKinney-Vento?

These are sample questions that can be asked to determine McKinney-Vento eligibility. Reminder: Homelessness is defined as "lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence".

- Why is the student living with someone who is not their parent/guardian?
- Is the entire family homeless and this student placed in this residence as a temporary plan for housing?
- Did the student leave home because of severe family conflict?
- How long can the student continue living where he/she is?
- Does the student have his or her own space/bedroom in the residence?
- Does the student have adequate privacy?
- Can the student come and go as needed?
- Where would the student live if not able to live where they are?

If the student is considered homeless (lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence) and unaccompanied (not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian), then they can be registered as an unaccompanied homeless youth under the McKinney-Vento Act.

If the student is not homeless and he/she is residing with a person other than the parent or courtappointed guardian, the student does not qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth under the McKinney-Vento Act.