

National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services Resolution to Support the Transportation of Homeless Children and Youth

The National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) passed a resolution at its annual meeting in November 2000 stating its commitment to providing transportation services for homeless children.

The NASDPTS represents a cross section of individuals and organizations involved in the safe transportation of school children. Individuals with the primary responsibility for school transportation in each state are members. In addition, the school bus manufacturers, many equipment suppliers to the school bus industry, private school transportation contractors, and a number of associations whose members include school transportation officials, drivers, trainers, and mechanics are also members of affiliated councils within the association. During the past several years, the NASDPTS has been deeply involved in all Federal activities dealing with pupil transportation. In addition, the association has become the television, radio, and print media's most frequently interviewed and quoted source of information on school transportation.

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Resolution #8**

Transportation for Homeless Children and Youth

WHEREAS an estimated 1.35 million children in the United States, nearly two percent of the total number of children and nearly ten percent of poor children, are likely to experience at least one homeless episode over a year, and

WHEREAS the lives of homeless children and youth tend to be fragmented and chaotic, and school can be a source of stability, a haven of emotional and social support, and a means to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness, and

WHEREAS homeless students encounter problems gaining access to transportation, and

WHEREAS transportation rights are ensured for homeless children and youth through the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services supports the goals of the National Center for Homeless Education and encourages all associated with pupil transportation to ensure that homeless children and youth are provided appropriate transportation services for access to schools.