

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.



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

McKinney-Vento Eligibility Documentation

EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

NOT EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Missing one or more of the following traits: Fixed, regular, and adequate



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

Empty box for documentation.

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



Mutual decision made to live together for mutual benefit

Empty box for documentation.

Due to lack of adequate alternative accommodations



Due to family choice

Empty box for documentation.

A place not meant for people to live; substandard housing; living in emergency or transitional shelters



Empty box for documentation.



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