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**NCHE HELPLINE**  
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NCHE operates a toll-free helpline to assist educators, service providers, parents, community members, and others interested in the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness. Contact the NCHE Helpline for assistance with:

- Understanding the educational rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness
- Determining how the McKinney-Vento Act applies to a particular situation

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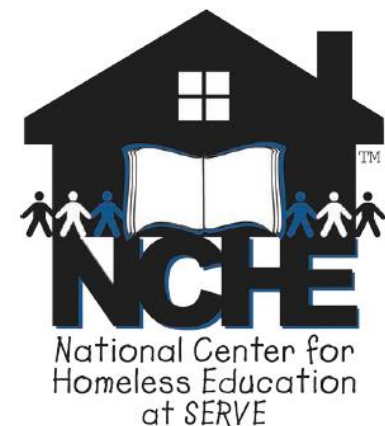
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their greatest potential"*

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**LOWNDES COUNTY**  
*School District*  
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**Supporting  
the Education  
of Children  
and Youth  
Experiencing  
Homelessness**



## WHO IS HOMELESS?

The McKinney-Vento Act protects the educational rights of homeless children and youth. Many children and families who are eligible for help do not consider themselves homeless.

The term “homeless children and youth”

- A. means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and
- B. Includes
  1. children and youth who are sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
  2. children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
  3. children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
  4. children and youth who are migratory children who live in one of the above circumstances

## EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children in homeless situations have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there
- Attend either the local school or the school of origin, if this is in their best interest; the school of origin is the school the child attended when he/she was permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if missing records and documents normally required for enrollment such as birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records.
- Enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in all school activities while the school arranges for the transfer of records.
- Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students including transportation and supplemental education services.
- Attend school with children not experiencing homelessness; segregation based on a student’s status as homeless is prohibited.

## LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT



## HOMELESS EDUCATION PROGRAM

- District Homeless Liaison
- Transportation Services
- Child Nutrition
- Title I Pre-K Program
- Tutoring Services
- Computer-based Instruction
- School Counselor
- School Nurse
- School Supplies
- Winter clothing
- Personal Hygiene Kits
- Fee waivers
- Referrals to Local Agencies

