Homeless Information

The district requirements for homeless families are identified in the McKinney-Vento Act. This law requires child welfare and local education agencies work together to promote school stability and continuity including trying to ensure children remain in their home school whenever possible. Avon Grove School District works with families and agencies to provide a coordinated placement for the children while working with families to help them stabilize their situations.

McKinney-Vento Act

Children and youth are eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Act if they have been displaced from their homes and are living in a place that is not fixed, regular, or adequate, such as:

- Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason
- In a place not designated as regular sleeping accommodation, such as a vehicle, park, hotel, or campground
- In a homeless or domestic violence shelter or transitional housing placement
- Outside of his/her home as an unaccompanied youth
- Awaiting foster care
- In any of the situations listed above as the child of a migrant family >> Click here to download a copy of the McKinney-Vento Act.

Your Rights

Children and youth experiencing homelessness have the right to:

- Continue their education in their current school, and receive transportation OR enroll
 immediately in the school where they are temporarily housed, even if lacking the
 paperwork normally required
- Participate in all applicable school programs, including supplemental services
- Receive free lunch
- Receive assistance with school-related expenses such as supplies, clothing, uniforms, etc. >> click here for a printable version of this information.

Below are several web sites for additional information:

Pa Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program: Region 2

PDE Directory for Liaisons and Shelters in the State

PDE Homeless Education