

# **MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT SOUTHERN FULTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Southern Fulton Area School District offers numerous services to support students and families experiencing homelessness. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines the term "homeless children and youths" as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

## **What defines homelessness?**

1. Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons 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; are abandoned in hospitals
2. Children and youths 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 youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
4. "Migratory children" who qualify as homeless under federal law because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii) above. The term "migratory children" means children who are (or whose parent(s) or spouse(s) are) migratory agricultural workers, including migratory dairy workers or migratory fishermen, and who have moved from one school district to another in the preceding 36 months, in order to obtain (or accompany such parents or spouses in order to obtain) temporary or seasonal employment in agricultural or fishing work
5. "Unaccompanied homeless youth" including any child who is "not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian." This includes youth who have run away from home, been thrown out of their home, been abandoned by parents or guardians, or separated from their parents for any other reason.

## **What supports are available?**

- Assistance with school enrollment & placement
- Assistance with transportation
- School supplies or sports fees
- Preschool support services
- Summer enrichment programs
- Parent workshops & conferences
- Agency referrals

## **How do I make a referral for homeless individuals?**

If you are experiencing homelessness please contact:

Southern Fulton Elementary School counselor at 717-294-3400

Southern Fulton High School counselor at 717-294-2351.

If you have a question about the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act or have detailed questions about your current situation, you can also contact the district's homeless liaison, MaryAnn Johnson, Superintendent/Board Secretary at (717) 294-2203 ext. 208 or [majohnson@sfsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:majohnson@sfsd.k12.pa.us)

Please do not hesitate to call. We can help!