



# Homeless Children & Youth Have The Right to a Free, Appropriate Public Education

## Who is Homeless?

Anyone, due to a lack of housing who lives:

- In emergency or transitional shelters
- In motels, hotels, trailer parks, campgrounds, abandoned in hospitals, awaiting foster care
- In cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, abandoned buildings
- Doubled up with relatives or friends
- Migratory children living in these conditions

## Where can homeless Children and youth attend School?

- The school the child attended before becoming homeless or was last enrolled (school or origin)
- The school in the attendance area where the child or youth is temporarily living

## How can delays be avoided When enrolling a homeless child or youth in school?

- \* Homeless children must be enrolled immediately.
- \* If school records are unavailable, ask that the records be sent electronically or information shared over the phone.
- \* Ask that a student's Immunization records be transferred over the phone from the sending school to the receiving School.
- \* Contact your school district, principal, counselor, or local homeless education liaison with any concerns.

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