

Preparing our Schools for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness



Central Coast Homeless Children and Youth 2019/2020

Over 194,709 children and youth are
identified as homeless in California.

Monterey County
9,986

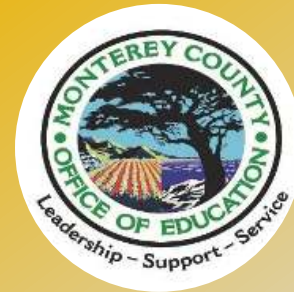
San Benito County
309

Santa Cruz County
4,749

McKinney-Vento Program

Homeless Children and Youth Services Program

serves all school districts, charter schools, alternative education programs, preschool programs, and higher education programs. It is our mission to provide support, service, and leadership to all of our collaborative partners dedicated to providing assistance and support to children and youth experiencing homelessness.

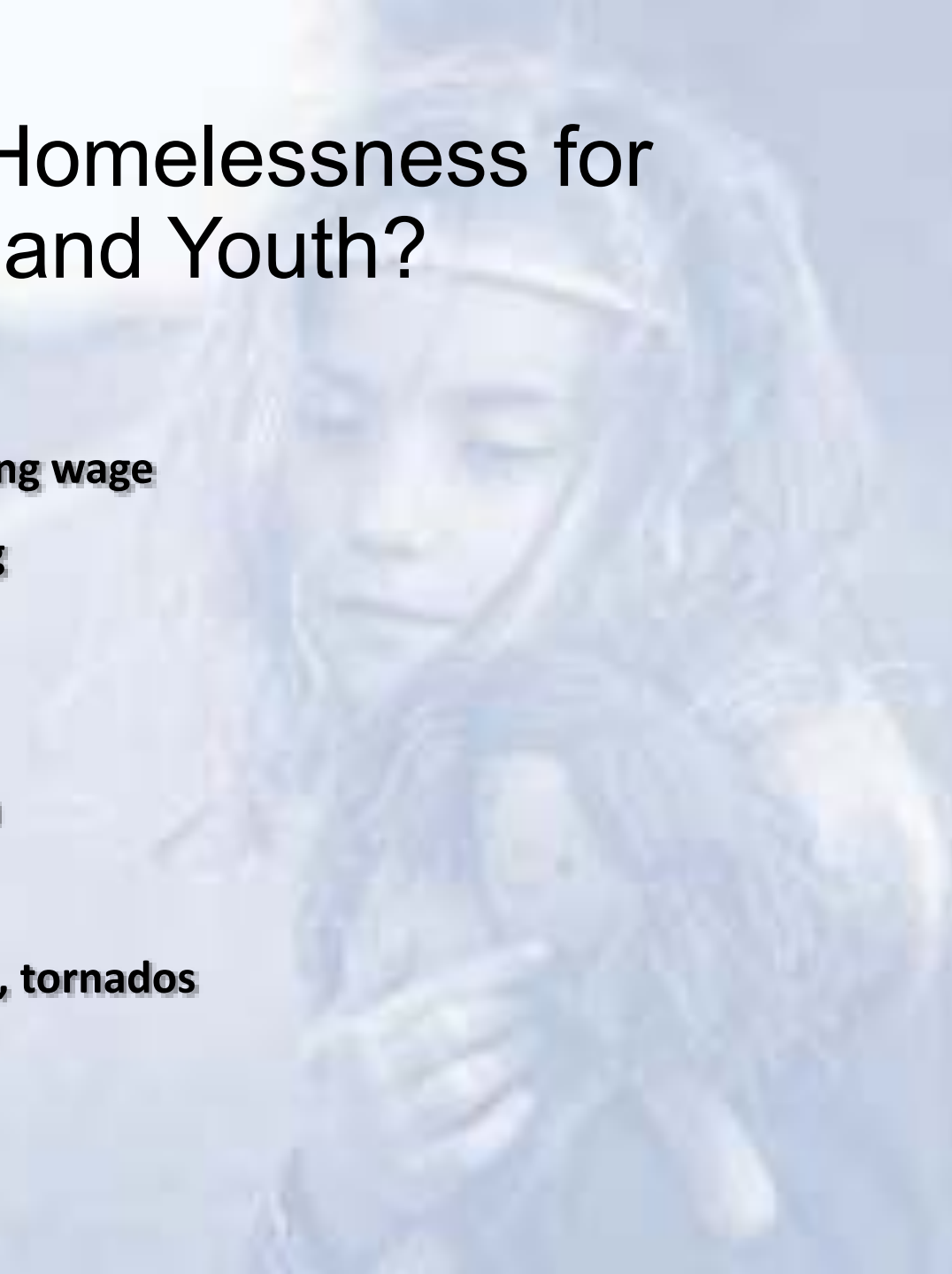


Homelessness is Not The Same For All Students.

Each child or youth reacts differently to
their situation. And each situation is
unique.

What Causes Homelessness for Children and Youth?

- ✓ **Loss of a job**
- ✓ **The lack of jobs that pay a living wage**
- ✓ **The lack of affordable housing**
- ✓ **Domestic Violence**
- ✓ **Mental illness**
- ✓ **Drug and/or alcohol addiction**
- ✓ **Divorce**
- ✓ **Natural disasters: fires, floods, tornados**
- ✓ **Poor Family Relationships**
- ✓ **Physical Illness or Injury**



Impact of Homelessness on Children and Youth

- ✓ Lack of access to hygiene products or showers
- ✓ Undiagnosed medical, mental, academic challenges
- ✓ Social and behavioral concerns
- ✓ Academically challenged
- ✓ Changing schools frequently
- ✓ Lack of consistent food supply
- ✓ Lack of supplies and clothes
- ✓ Poor attendance – late and absences
- ✓ Higher rates of suspensions and expulsions
- ✓ Lack of completion of homework and projects



What does the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act do for Children and Youth?

- Equal access to **the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education.**



- Remove school attendance laws, regulations, practices, or policies that **may act as a barrier** to the enrollment, attendance, or success in school of homeless children and youths.



Structure of Education for Homeless Children and Youth under MV Homeless Assistance Act

U.S. Department of
Education – Education
for Homeless Children
and Youth

California Department of
Education – Homeless
Education Program

County Office of Education – Coordinator of
Homeless Children and Youth Services

School District and Charter School
Homeless Children and Youth Liaisons

School Site Homeless Liaisons

What does the Liaison do?

- Homeless children and youths are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies;
- Homeless children and youths are enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, schools of that LEA;
- Homeless families and homeless children and youths have access to and receive educational services for which such families, children, and youths are eligible, including services through Head Start programs
- Homeless families and homeless children and youths receive referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services;
- The parents or guardians of homeless children and youths are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children;

- Public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such children and youths, and unaccompanied youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to the parents and guardians of homeless children and youths, and unaccompanied youths;
- Enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with paragraph (3)(E);
- The parent or guardian of a homeless child or youth, and any unaccompanied youth, is fully informed of all transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin, as described in paragraph (1)(J)(iii), and is assisted in accessing transportation to the school that is selected under paragraph (3)(A);
- School personnel providing services under this part receive professional development and other support; and
- Unaccompanied youths—(I) are enrolled in school; (II) have opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic standards as the State establishes for other children and youth, including through implementation of the procedures under paragraph (1)(F)(ii); and, (III) are informed of their status as independent students under section 1087vv of Title 20 and that the youths may obtain assistance from the LEA liaison to receive verification of such status for purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) described in section 1090 of Title 20.

Who Qualifies for Services?

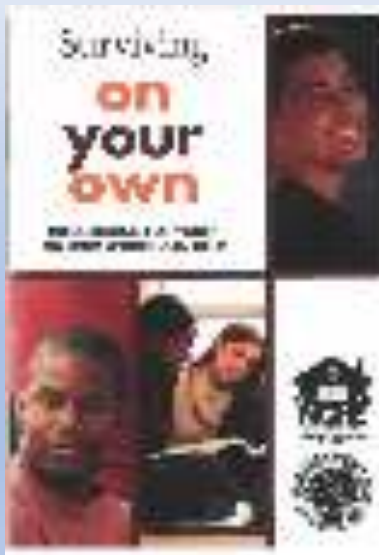
Students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence which includes:

- Shared housing due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- Living in: cars, parks, RV park, campsite, hotel or motel, homeless shelter or transitional housing
- Moving from place to place/couch surfing
- Living in a residence with inadequate facilities (no water, no heat, no electricity, no plumbing, or infestation)
- Living in an encampment or on the street
- Living in a shed or unconverted garage
- Unaccompanied minors (children & youth under 18, not in the physical custody of a parent or court-appointed guardian)



Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

- Unaccompanied Youth are considered “Homeless” when their situation is based on a “Crisis” situation.
- Unaccompanied homeless youth are entitled to the same rights as other homeless students – immediate enrollment, transportation, credit reduction, etc.



Identification and Enrollment

Housing Questionnaire

Includes preschool through High School.



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Immediate Enrollment



Proof of Residency



Verification of Birth



Vaccinations



Physical

School of Origin

- “School of origin” is the school the child attended when permanently housed or the school last enrolled.
- Students can stay in their school of origin the entire time they are homeless and until the end of any academic year in which they move into permanent housing.
- In addition, after you become permanently housed, in California, you can continue to attend your school of origin until graduation if you are in high school.



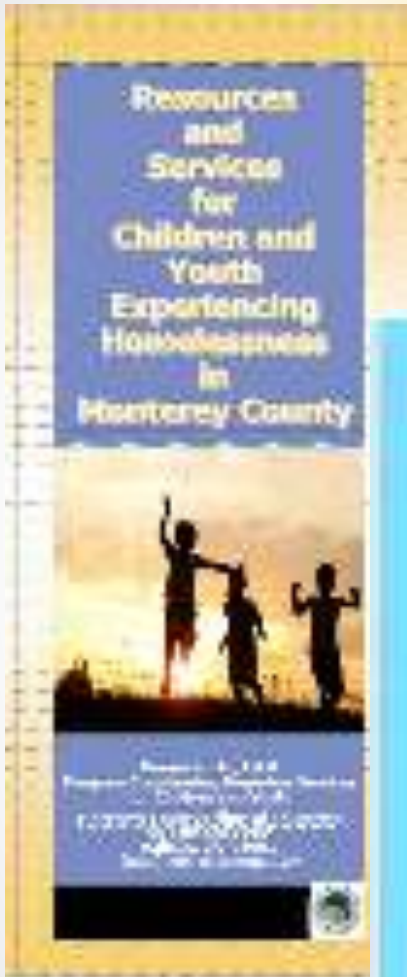
Transportation

- District of origin and district of residence share costs
- Transportation agreement
- Bus Passes
- Reimburse parents or youth for gas
- Gas cards



Health Support

- Vaccinations
- Dental Services
- Mental Health Services
- Counseling
- Physical Services
- Drug/Alcohol Services
- Breakfast/Lunch
- Hygiene Products or Kits
- Vision and Hearing Services



Academic Support

- Classroom Modifications
- School Supplies
- Alternative Assignments/Reduced Assignments
- Enrichment Programs
- Before/After School Programs
- Fees related to loss of books, devices, etc. are waived.
- College/Career Readiness
- SAT/ACT testing fees are covered.
- Community College fees are paid for if student is concurrently enrolled in high school and college.
- Graduation requirement may be modified depending on the situation after second year.



High School to College or Career Support

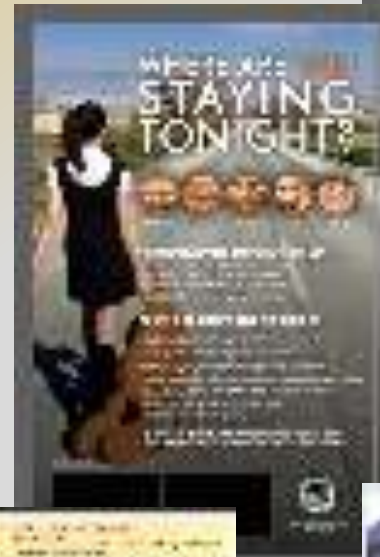
- Assist the students with understanding their rights under AB 1806
- Provide individual college and career counseling for homeless students.



- Assist the students with filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Connect the student with the Homeless Youth Liaison at the Community College or University – Guardian Scholars or EOPS

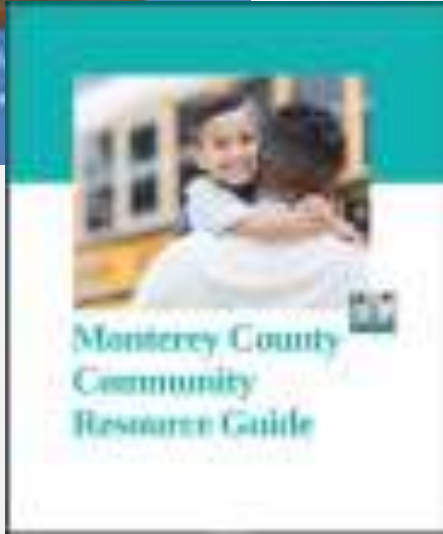
Information is Important!

Make sure your office has posters and brochures available.



Resource Guides

SAM's GUIDE
TO
Monterey County
Family Resources



STARTING UP SANTA CRUZ
RESOURCE DIRECTORY
— LOW-INCOME & HOMELESS SERVICES —

Community Resources

- Human Trafficking
 - Rape Crisis Center
 - YWCA
 - Coalition to End Human Trafficking
 - Monarch Services
- Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
 - Community Human Services
 - Youth Homeless Response Team
- Drug and Alcohol Use
 - Sun Street Centers
 - Vanus
- Exposure to Domestic Violence
 - Rape Crisis Center
 - YWCA
 - Community Homeless Solutions
- Financial/Rental Assistance
 - Housing Resource Center
 - United Way
 - Salvation Army
 - Community Action Board



- Continuum of Care (CoC)
 - Coalition of Homeless Service Providers
 - Homeless Action Partnership

Remember:
Relationships Matter
This is how you can support our children
and youth experiencing homelessness!

