



## **IMAGINE SCHOOLS @ TEMPE MCKINNEY- VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT**

The purpose of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is to provide educational services to homeless students equal to all other enrolled students, and ensure that homeless children and youth have equal opportunities to enroll in, attend, and be successful in school. Our school liaison provides:

- Information on the educational rights of homeless students and families
- Participation in Coalitions that work on reducing issues of homelessness
- Resources and contacts for homeless students and their families

McKinney- Vento Definition of “Homeless” (Who is Eligible)

Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Title X, Part C, of the Child Left Behind Act) defines “homeless” as follows:

The term “homeless children and youths”-

A. Means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence within the meaning of section 103(a) (1); and

B. Includes-

- i. children and youth who are sharing the housing of other person 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: or are awaiting foster care placement;
- ii. children and youths who have a nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 103(a)(2)(c);
- iii. children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces,

- abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar setting; and
- iv. migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purpose of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii)

If you have any questions or concerns about this program or would like to see if you qualify for services, please contact the Homeless Liaison Coordinator of Imagine Tempe by calling the front office at 480-355-1640.