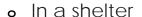
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IF YOU LIVE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:







- In a motel or campground due to the lack of an adequate alternative accommodation
- In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station
- Doubled-up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

You may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.



Eligible students have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled) if that is their preference and is feasible.
 - o If the school district believes that the school selected is not in his/her best interest, then the District must provide the student with written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the students' needs.

If you believe you may be eligible, contact the Local District McKinney-Vento Program Liaison to find out what services and supports may be available.

Local Contacts: Project UP-START, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

> Central: 305 995-7558 South: 305 242-8426 North: 305 572-2800

Fax: 305 579-0370 Email: projectupstart@dadeschools.net The School Board of Miami-Dade County **Bylaws & Policies**

Visit

http://projectupstart.dadeschools.net for more information about the program and to access Board Policy 5111.01.

State Homeless **Education Program**

Florida Department of Education Bureau of Federal **Educational Programs** Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Email: <u>bfep@fldoe.org</u> Phone Number: 850 245-0479

If you need further assistance with your education needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education:

1-800-308-2145 homeless@serve.org

www.serve.org/nche