



HOMELESS EDUCATION OFFICE

tips for **SCHOOL
NURSES**

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act is a federal law that protects the educational rights of students in temporary housing (“experiencing homelessness”). It defines “homeless children and youths” as any student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Given the unique one-on-one relationship that school nurses have with students, you can be the first to recognize signs of homelessness before others do.

HOW CAN I IDENTIFY STUDENTS IN TEMPORARY HOUSING?

Look for...

- Inconsistent physical/dental hygiene
- Chronic health complaints such as headaches or stomach aches
- Incomplete or missing immunization records
- Outdated prescription glasses
- Untreated illness, etc.



HOW CAN I ENSURE I AM COMPLYING WITH THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT?

- Confirm the family has filled out the Student Housing Questionnaire
- Verify immunization records
- Refer the student(s) to a local wellness center or LAUSD clinic for immunizations
- Notify your school site homeless liaison

For additional support, please contact the Homeless Education Office at (213) 202-7581