

# SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WHOSE FAMILIES HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES TO FORECLOSURE



**If your family owned its home and lost it to foreclosure, or if your family was renting a home and the landlord lost it to foreclosure, and you are now living in a temporary situation, your preschool-aged and school-aged children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the McKinney-Vento Act.**

## Eligible children and youth have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
- Continue attending their school of origin or be enrolled immediately in the local school where they are living, depending on their best interest; the school of origin is the school the student attended before losing housing or the school the student last attended; the student can attend the school of origin even if he/she now lives outside that district's lines.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin at no cost to the parent or student.
- Enroll in the new local school immediately, even if missing records and documents normally required for enrollment, such as a birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records.
- Enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in all school activities while the school gathers records.
- Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other

students, including transportation and supplemental educational services.

- Receive free school meals.

If you believe your child(ren) may be eligible for the support provided by the McKinney-Vento Act, contact the school district's Local Liaison or your State McKinney-Vento Coordinator.

### Local Liaison:

Janel Switzer (616) 891-8185

### State Coordinator:

Pam Kies-Lowe (517) 241-1162

If you need further assistance, call the National Center for Homeless Education at its toll-free Helpline:

**1-800-308-2145**

