

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

2-1-1 Kern County

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Kern County Human  
Services Taft  
661-763-0200

Kern County Human  
Services Department  
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Laborers of the Harvest  
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Center  
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## Taft Union HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Assistance Act is a federal law that ensures immediate enrollment and educational stability for homeless children and youth

## Students Rights

- 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 the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled), if that is their preference and is feasible. If the school district believes that the school selected is not in his/her best interest, then the district must provide the student with a written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided for other students, according to the students' needs.

## Who Qualifies

### Students who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence

#### Includes:

- Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Children and youth who may be living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, shelters
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings, or
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are children who are living in similar circumstances listed above

## Educational Rights

- Remain at school of origin
- Receive transportation to the school of origin
- Immediate enrollment in school
- Graduation rights
- Training of staff in the identification of McKinney-Vento students
- Access to site School Counselor and/or all other supports as needed

### Removal of Educational Barriers

- Backpack and school supplies
- Basic needs (clothing, shoes and toiletries)
- PE clothes
- Cap and gown

