



ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HOPE'S COLLABORATIVE - Homeless Outreach Promoting Educational Success

What You Need to know

For Community Partners Working with Students and Families Experiencing Homelessness...

The McKinney-Vento (MV) Homeless Education Act is a federal mandate which protects the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness. It provides grants and legal protections so children and youth in homeless situations can enroll in, attend, and succeed in school. The Act applies to students in preschool through college and it defines homelessness as: lacking a regular, fixed and adequate nighttime residence (substandard housing), sharing housing due to economic struggles (doubled up), living in a shelter, motel, or in a public place not designated for sleeping (i.e. cars, parks), etc.

HOPE'S Collaborative Services:

Outreach, education, technical assistance and support for community partners, families, and schools with children and youth experiencing homelessness.

HOPE'S Collaborative Fosters:

Collaborative partnerships between community partners, families and school liaisons by identifying and removing barriers, and providing access to resources and services to improve educational outcomes for the whole child - All Means All

Highlights

- Understanding MV homeless educational law
- Accessing MV programs
- Resources and services
- Building strong school/community relationships
- Networking with colleagues

Available Resources:

- MV e-training for community partners
- Fostering school and community partnerships
- Connecting with school liaisons and educational resources
- Educational rights brochures
- Educational rights folders
- Educational rights posters
- Educational materials for school-age children:
 - backpacks
 - school supplies
 - hygiene kits
 - student OCTA bus vouchers

For more information on MV Homeless Education, visit Orange County Department of Education's (OCDE) Homeless Outreach to Promote Educational Success (HOPE'S) website