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## **SUPPORTING FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**

Authorized under Federal law through the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, the Warren City Schools' Outreach Department provides services to ensure that identified children and youth experiencing homelessness have access to a free and appropriate public education by removing barriers to homelessness. As advocates for educational rights, there are various services the program provides to assist families in transition.

The Warren City Schools Outreach Department works with students, parents, Warren City Schools' employees, partner agencies, and other local school districts to provide assistance with

- School Selection and enrollment
- School Transportation
- Wellness checks and social emotional support
- Book bags and school supplies for students
- Assistance with high school graduation fees and expenses
- Addressing barriers that affect school attendance and full participation
- Obtaining necessary documents such as birth certificates, school records, and medical records.
- Dispute resolution regarding school choice and enrollment

Who qualifies? The term children and youth experiencing homelessness means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night time residence. It includes

- Sharing the housing of others due to loss of home, economic hardship, or similar reason.
- Living in motels or hotels
- Staying in trailer parks or camp grounds due to lack of alternative accommodations
- Living in an emergency or transitional shelter
- Abandoned in a hospital
- Living on their own such as youth who have run away or have been put out of their home.

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