

## McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Program

The following list describes several possible characteristics of students coming from displaced (homeless) situations. The list is not all inclusive, but should serve as a guide to better assist you in identifying displaced students.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Attendance and enrollment in multiple schools</li><li>❖ Chronic hunger or tiredness</li><li>❖ Lack of motivation, direction, or desire</li><li>❖ Little or no extracurricular participation</li><li>❖ Expressed feelings of not belonging in school</li><li>❖ Indicated boredom with school</li><li>❖ Been retained a grade</li><li>❖ Lack of acceptance by his/her peers</li><li>❖ Poor social adjustment</li><li>❖ Serious economic problems</li><li>❖ Problems with sleeping during class</li><li>❖ Failure to complete homework assignments</li><li>❖ Untimely enrollment</li><li>❖ Siblings that may be over protective of one another</li><li>❖ Parents seem confused when asked about the last school or grade child was enrolled in</li><li>❖ Tendency to exaggerate</li><li>❖ Low income motel address on enrollment form</li><li>❖ Have no permanent address</li><li>❖ Shows reluctance to leave parent when left at school</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ High absenteeism rate</li><li>❖ Poor grades overall</li><li>❖ Frequent health problems</li><li>❖ More mobile than other students</li><li>❖ Behaviors indicating social or emotional disturbances</li><li>❖ Low self-esteem</li><li>❖ Disruptive</li><li>❖ Lack of records<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Birth certificate</li><li>• Immunization record</li><li>• Pre-school physical</li><li>• School records</li><li>• Incomplete records</li></ul></li><li>❖ Frequent spells of day dreaming</li><li>❖ Excessive tardiness</li><li>❖ Unkept appearance and frequent hunger</li><li>❖ Insufficient or lack of adequate school clothing</li><li>❖ Poor personal hygiene</li><li>❖ Exhibited evidence of physical abuse</li><li>❖ Poor or no contact between parent(s) and school</li></ul> |
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Feel free to contact the McKinney-Vento Homeless Specialist, Angelica Venzor, at (915)926-3250 should you have any questions or concerns regarding the identification of displaced students.