## HOMELESS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE RESOURCE TEAM (H.E.A.R.T.)





TERMS Symposium 2020-2021



# McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act/ESSA (via HEART)

- The McKinney-Vento Act defines children experiencing homelessness (PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade) as those who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
- According to this federal legislation, qualifying students have the following rights:
  - Right to immediate school enrollment even when records are not present at the time of enrollment (30-day grace period to obtain);

ii. Right to **remain in the school of origin**, if in the student's best interest;

iii. Right to receive transportation to and from the school of origin;

iv. Right to receive support for academic success.



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#### > Overarching Intent:

- i. Access to a Free & Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)
- ii. Immediate enrollment
- iii. Educational stability
- iv. Removal of barriers to enrollment, attendance and achievement in school

\*Removal of barriers now includes **outstanding fees or fines**, or absences and enrollment includes attending classes and participating fully in school activities (extracurricular)

Eligibility period: remains in effect for the entire school year



## HEART REGISTRATION VIA STUDENT HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE (SHQ)

- The parent /guardian or unaccompanied youth will complete a Student Housing Questionnaire (SHQ).
- If the student has been identified verbally and are unable to complete a SHQ, the School-based Homeless Designee (or other designated staff) is notified of the student's status and completes a SHQ
- > The student is then registered in BASIS for HEART services.
- **Note:** If access to the HEART folder in BASIS is needed by a designated staff member, please contact Nina Hauser at (754) 321-1566



## SHARED HOUSING AFFIDAVIT VS. SHARED HOUSING DOUBLED-UP (Homeless)

- Shared Housing is when two or more families mutually agree to split the expenses of the household. They do this by choice and intend the arrangement to be long term. This family will complete a Shared Housing Affidavit and coded in TERMS under "PR" in the A03 panel as "S".
- Sharing the housing of others "doubled-up" is when a family experiencing homeless is residing with family or friends due to loss of housing, economic necessity, or similar reason (e.g., fleeing domestic violence). These families do not have a lease or mortgage in their name. They are coded in TERMS under "PR" in the A03 panel as "Z".



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### Questions

# Thank you for your time!

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