



*"Where Kids
Come First!"*

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Dear Community Member(s),

Do you know a student or family that may be in need of assistance? Many families in Kern County have found themselves to be families in transition without a place to call home. The Elk Hills School District is committed to assisting all homeless students receive the best education possible.

As part of our support to the families in this community we are asking that you hang these posters in your community location. We appreciate your support and help in better serving students in our district. We also ask that you share the enclosed brochure if you have a family in need.

Included on these posters is information regarding the McKinney-Vento Act that defines homeless children and youth (21 years of age and younger) as:

- Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes children and youth who are:
 - sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as doubled-up);
 - living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative, adequate accommodations;
 - living in emergency or transitional shelters;
 - abandoned in hospitals
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designated 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.
- Unaccompanied youth, undocumented, and/or migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

If you have any questions regarding this request please contact Shara Neufeld, Secretary/McKinney-Vento Liaison for Elk Hills School District at (661)765-7431 or shneufeld@elkhills.org.

Thank you for your support,

Shara Neufeld
McKinney-Vento Liaison