

## McKinney - Vento Program Elements

1. Tutoring, supplemental instruction, and enriched educational services that are linked to the achievement of the same challenging state standards established for other children and youth (i.e., Illinois Learning Standards; see <http://www.isbe.net/ils/Default.htm>);
2. Expedited evaluations of the strengths and needs of homeless children and youth, including their need and eligibility for programs and services (including gifted and talented programs, special education programs, programs for students with limited English proficiency, alternative education programs and remedial services);
3. Professional development and other activities for educators and other school personnel that are designed to develop awareness of and sensitivity to the needs of homeless children and youth and the rights of such children under the McKinney-Vento Act and documentation must be maintained on a yearly basis of those persons provided with professional development and other activities;
4. Referral services to homeless children and youth for medical, dental, mental and other health services (documentation must be maintained of all referrals and outcomes);
5. *Assistance to defray the excess cost of transportation for students not otherwise provided through federal, state, or local funding, where necessary to enable students to attend school;*
6. Collection of family demographic data from homeless families to make documented referrals and outcome reports to developmentally appropriate birth-to-three and early childhood programs provided through federal, state, and/or local funding for preschool-age homeless children;
7. Services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain homeless children and youth, and unaccompanied youth, in public school programs and services that are provided to nonhomeless children and youth;
8. Before-and after-school and summer programs for homeless children and youth in which a teacher or other qualified individuals provide tutoring, homework assistance, and supervision of educational activities;
9. Where necessary, the payment of fees and other costs associated with **tracking, obtaining and transferring records** necessary to enroll homeless children and youth in school, including birth certificates, immunization records, academic records, guardianship records, and evaluations for special programs or services;
10. Parent education and training for the parents of homeless children and youth about the rights of and resources available to such children and youth;
11. Coordination between schools and agencies providing services to homeless children and youth;
12. Counseling, social work and psychological services, including violence counseling and referrals for such services (documentation must be maintained of the referral and the outcome report for such services);
13. Activities to address the particular needs of homeless children and youth that may arise from domestic violence that can include education for school and community members about the impact and effects on children of domestic violence;
14. The adaptation of space and the purchase of supplies for non-school facilities and services made available to homeless children and youth (before expending funds for this purpose, a school district must provide clear documentation and justification for the expense to the state coordinator and receive approval for the activity);\*\*
15. School supplies to be distributed at shelters or temporary housing facilities documenting the number of children served, ages, and grades (no names); and
16. Other extraordinary or emergency assistance essential to enable homeless children and youth to attend school. School districts must document all actions taken to identify existing services and the reasons existing services either are unavailable or the child or youth is not eligible; indicate the amount to be spent; and provide a justification for this expenditure that documents the impact these services will have on the education of the homeless children or youth relative to these services. **This information must be furnished with any fiscal spending reports submitted for approval to ISBE and the state coordinator. Identification by Student Identification Number for each child will be necessary but no children's names need be disclosed.**