## WHO IS HOMELESS?

#### A FLOWCHART FOR MAKING DETERMINATIONS FOR EDUCATION SERVICES

This flowchart is meant to aid you in making decisions about a student's eligibility as homeless under the education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.) For more information, see the related publications:

https://nche.ed.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/conf-elig.pdf and https://nche.ed.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Parent-Booklet-Eng.pdf.

#### **NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE**

Nighttime residence missing one or more of the following traits: fixed, regular, and adequate

Fixed, regular, and adequate; Living in the same place each night in a safe and sufficient space

#### **DOUBLED UP**

Due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason

Mutual decision made to live together for mutual benefit

# HOTELS, MOTELS, TRAILER PARKS, CAMPGROUNDS

Due to lack of adequate alternative accommodations Due to family choice; e.g. when a permanently housed parent accepts a new job and the family stays temporarily in a hotel, RV, etc. until they obtain new, permanent housing

\*Note: Children and families who qualify for education services based on this definition may or may not qualify for housing and related assistance. Contact your local housing programs for more information.

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### **HOUSING TYPE**

A place not meant for people to live; e.g., porch, barn, storage unit, streets, car, etc.

Substandard housing; e.g., unsafe, not up to code, etc. (Contact district liaison for guidance)

SITUATIONS BELOW PERTAIN TO UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH, I.E., YOUTH NOT IN THE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF A PARENT OR

Family lost housing; unable to stay together in same place; placed child temporarily with someone else

Child or youth lives apart from parent/guardian due to domestic violence or family conflict; housing is not fixed, regular, adequate

Parent abandoned child; did not make long-term child care arrangements

Parent has a work conflict and made arrangements for child to stay with others

Incarcerated or hospitalized parent did not make arrangements for child's care

Incarcerated or hospitalized parent arranged for child to stay with caregiver

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