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Homeless Liaison Duties and Responsibilities

Cited from the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in Title IX, Part A:

Local Educational Agency Liaison

1. **DUTIES** – Each local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths, designated under paragraph (1)(J)(ii), shall ensure that:
 - a. Homeless children and youths are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies;
 - b. Homeless children and youths are enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, schools of that local educational agency.
 - c. Homeless families and homeless children and youth have access to and receive educational services for which such families, children, and youths are eligible, including services through Head Start programs (including Early Head Start programs) under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et. Seq.), early intervention services under Part C of the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.), and other preschool programs administered by the local educational agency.
 - d. Homeless families and homeless children and youths receive referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services;
 - e. The parents or guardians of homeless children and youths are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and area provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children;
 - f. Public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such children and youths, and unaccompanied youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to parents and guardians of homeless children and youths, and unaccompanied youths;
 - g. Enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with paragraph (3) (E); and youth, is fully informed of all transportation services, including transporting to the school of origin, as described in paragraph (1)(J)(iii), and is assisted in accessing transportation to the school that is selected under paragraph (3)(A);
 - h. School personnel providing services under this subtitle received professional development and other support; and
 - i. Unaccompanied youths-
 - i. Are enrolled in school;
 - ii. Have opportunities to meet the same challenging state academic standards as the state establishes for other children and youth, including through implementation of the procedures under paragraph (1)(F)(ii); and
 - iii. Are informed of their status as independent students under section 480 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087vv) and that the youths may obtain assistance from the local educational agency liaison to receive verification of