

## **HANDOUT FOR HOMELESS INFORMATION**

### **Justice Public School**

#### **Homeless Services - McKinney-Vento Act**

The McKinney-Vento Act is federal legislation that has been in effect since 1987 and reauthorized in 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to support homeless children and homeless youth. The intent of the McKinney-Vento Act is to ensure that homeless children and youth enroll and succeed in school.

#### **Students living in homeless situations have the following rights:**

- A free, appropriate public education.
- Education in a mainstream school environment.
- Participation in the school food service program.
- Prompt resolution of disputes regarding educational placement.
- No isolation or stigmatization due to their homeless status.
- Placement in their school of origin the entire time they are homeless, and until the end of any academic year in which they move into permanent housing.
- Consideration of parent's requests regarding placement at the school of origin or the zoned school.
- Educational, social, athletic, and recreational services offered to other students.

#### **Students living in any of the following situations may be entitled to additional support:**

- Staying in an emergency/transitional shelter, or waiting for foster care placement
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because of loss of housing or as a result of economic hardship
- Living in a car, park, campground, public space, substandard housing (w/o running water or electricity)
- In a motel/hotel due to loss of housing, economic hardship
- Unaccompanied Youth/Runaway
- In other location that is not appropriate for children and youth such as an abandoned building.

#### **Justice Public School District has appointed Mr. Chris Jones to serve as the Homeless Liaison for students who are homeless:**

- Get help with enrolling in school from Chris Jones, the district liaison for homeless students, to continue academic success. Mr. Jones can be reached at the office of the Principal located at the Elementary School or by calling (405) 257-2962 or by emailing [cjones@justice.k12.ok.us](mailto:cjones@justice.k12.ok.us)
- Continue in the school they attended (referred to as the school of origin) before they became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is the parent's choice and is feasible
- Get transportation to and from school of origin
- Receive free school meals
- Receive additional services such as EL, Special Education, Title I, preschool, etc.