



What's Up Your Sleeve?

Tricks and Tools for Addressing Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

If your last name begins with A-G

Legal Backup!

- 1) Are there legal services for immigrant youth in your community? Visit <https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org/> to find out.
- 2) USDA issued a [brief](#) clarifying what constitutes a “parental control” for unaccompanied youth staying with other people.
- 3) Legal liability is based on negligence, which means a failure to exercise reasonable care.
- 4) The McKinney-Vento dispute resolution process requires local educational agencies to provide parents or unaccompanied youth with information about a decision regarding eligibility, enrollment, or school selection and instructions to appeal. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(E).
- 5) Attorneys who have represented McKinney-Vento students in hearings before the state athletic association have won their cases. SchoolHouse Connection has an [issue brief](#) on this issue and can share copies of legal briefs and decisions.
- 6) The McKinney-Vento Act requires schools to give priority to the wishes of unaccompanied youth in regard to school selection and enrollment. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(iv).
- 7) The American Bar Association has started a national Homeless Youth Legal Network. Find legal services near you at www.ambar.org/HYLN.
- 8) USDA issued a [brief](#) clarifying what constitutes a “household” for unaccompanied youth.

Phone a Friend

- 1) I've talked with that guy at the state activity association a few times over the years.
- 2) That school nurse supervisor really gets McKinney-Vento.
- 3) I've worked with a local family mediation program to convince parents to provide basic support and documents to youth.
- 4) One of our assistant superintendents attended a student panel I arranged two years ago and listened to students talk about the causes and impacts of their homelessness.
- 5) I always run into my district's dropout prevention specialist at Starbucks.
- 6) That one person at the SNAP office is always nice to the youth I send over.
- 7) For the last couple of years, I've been having lunch three times a year with the Financial Aid Administrator at the college in my town.