

Homelessness "At a Glance"

Indicators of Possible Homelessness

- ◆ Chronic hunger and/or tiredness
- ◆ Enrollment at many different schools
- ◆ Inconsistent school attendance or tardiness
- ◆ Grooming and personal hygiene issues
- ◆ Consistently arrives at school without books, homework, supplies, or papers signed
- ◆ Incompatible clothing for the current season or incorrect sized clothing
- ◆ Changes in behavior, characterized by shyness, withdrawal, nervousness, anger or aggression
- ◆ Mentions staying with family, friends, or not sure where they are staying on future nights

Homeless Definition

Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence including:

- ◆ Doubled-up, couch surfing, sharing housing with family or friends due to eviction, economic hardship, or similar reason
- ◆ Living in an emergency or transitional shelter
- ◆ Living in a motel/hotel, vehicle, park, trailer park, or campground, due to a lack of alternative accommodations
- ◆ Living in abandoned buildings or substandard housing, which could be lacking heat, water, electricity, or other services

Unaccompanied Youth Definition

Youth not in physical custody of a parent or guardian, and living in any of the situations listed under the Homeless definition including runaways or youth denied housing by their families.

- ◆ Abandoned by their family
- ◆ Couch surfing with family or friends
- ◆ Kicked out of their homes
- ◆ Ran away from their home
- ◆ Living in any of the conditions listed under the Homeless Definition

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