

Remembering 20 Years of: McKinney-Vento

Milestones

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The *Stewart B. McKinney Homelessness Assistance Act* was passed as omnibus legislation that consisted of fifteen programs providing a range of services to people experiencing homelessness, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, job training, primary health care, education, and some permanent housing. Funding authorized at \$4.6 million.

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States report 272,773 children experiencing homelessness enrolled in K-12.

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Reauthorization of the education subtitle as Title III, Part B of the *Improving America's Schools Act*. Requires liaisons in districts receiving funds to provide preschool services where available and to coordinate with housing agencies at the state and local level. Funding Authorized at \$30 million for the 1995-96 school year.

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The National Center for Homeless Education is funded by the US Department of Education as a clearinghouse for information and research on homeless education and the needs of children and youth in homeless situations.

The *Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act* is renamed the *McKinney-Vento Act*.

Reauthorization of the education subtitle through the *No Child Left Behind Act* requires each school district in the country to ensure the access and success of children and youth experiencing homelessness by removing barriers to enrollment and attendance. McKinney-Vento further requires that each school district name a liaison to serve the needs of this population.

Education for Homeless Children and Youth programs receive significant funding increase, which enables program services to expand to more school districts and to serve more students nationwide.

- ★McKinney-Vento education programs prove invaluable for assisting students who were left homeless by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- ★A total of over 908,000 homeless students were reported enrolled during the 2005-06 school year.

The next reauthorization process begins.

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*Graph displays increases in federal appropriations for McKinney-Vento Education from \$4.6 million to \$61.9 million over a 20-year period