

## **HOMELESS EDUCATION PLANS For Local Education Agencies (LEAs)**

Under the McKinney-Vento Act (2002) Subtitle VIIB, Section 722, and ESEA Section 1111(a)(1), an LEA receiving Title IA funds must include in its local plan a description of how the plan is coordinated with the McKinney-Vento Act. The LEA Homeless Education Plan must describe services provided to homeless children and youth, including comparable education services provided to homeless students attending non-Title I schools.

### LEA Homeless Education Plans should include:

1. Assurance of access to Title I services by homeless students in all public schools, whether Title I funded or not. Title IA set-asides funds for homeless students are required of all districts receiving Title IA (amount and use of funds are recorded in Consolidation Subgrant).
2. LEA policies and procedures that ensure homeless students are and will be provided school access and opportunities to meet the same high academic standards as all students are expected to meet.
3. LEA assurance that local district policies and practices will not segregate or stigmatize homeless students in separate schools or in separate programs within schools.
4. Assurance that LEA will post public notice of educational rights of homeless children and youth in places where families and youth are likely to be present (e.g., schools, shelters, welfare offices, soup kitchens), and comprehensible formats (e.g., in Spanish, geared for low literacy, or other community need).
5. Contact information for the LEA Homeless Liaison (to be posted on ODE website) and description of how information about the role of the Liaison and the rights of homeless students will be conveyed to school district staff, homeless families and unaccompanied youths.
6. Procedures for identifying homeless students during enrollment and providing outreach to unenrolled homeless children and youth in the district.
7. Provisions for immediate school enrollment of all age-eligible homeless children and youth, including provisions for public preschool and alternative school placement where available.
8. Provisions for providing placement services and transportation to keep homeless students at their "school of origin" whenever feasible, in the best interest of the student and/or at the request of the family.
9. Provisions for immediate enrollment of unaccompanied homeless students, despite lack of parent or legal guardian's supervision or permission, or "power of attorney" by supervising adult.
10. Procedures for homeless families and youth to appeal school placement decisions made by the LEA, including written explanations, dispute resolution processes and provision of services during appeal process.
11. Procedures to ensure that the transfer of homeless students' records between schools attended is expediently completed.
12. Assurance that federal and state data collection and reporting requirements on homeless children and youth are met. (*Tentative 7/04: ODE Web Survey of Homeless Student Enrollment for SY03-04*).