

Our Mission

Compassionately support families and students through district and community partnerships.



Our Vision

Through sustainable partnerships of resources, awareness, and case management, lifelong stabilization for families and students experiencing homelessness will be fostered.



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THE
REACH
PROJECT



**Resources, Education, and Advocacy
for Children Experiencing Homelessness**
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 11

The REACH Project is committed to supporting education, mental health, CCMR, and wrap-around services for students and families experiencing homelessness through partnerships, connections, compassion, and professional development.

The Reach Project Purpose

- ♥ Remove educational barriers (*transportation, supplies, communication between district departments*)
- ♥ Coordinate wrap-around services (*community resources*)
- ♥ Promote positive social and mental wellness
- ♥ Improve students' overall academic success

Identification of a McKinney-Vento Student

The McKinney Vento Act defines a homeless individual as one who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This could be due to economic hardship, traumatic events, or other situational disturbances.

If you are living...

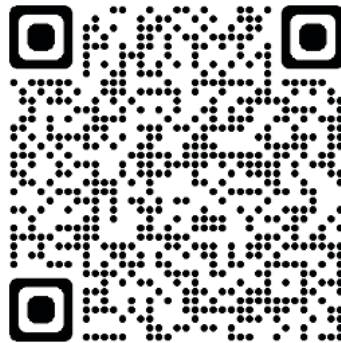
- ♥ **Doubled up** - living in a residence with multiple families/friends
- ♥ **Unsheltered** - cars, abandoned buildings, parks, the street, or any other public place
- ♥ **Shelters** - transitional housing, emergency placement
- ♥ **Inadequate housing** - lack of available electricity and plumbing, or other unsafe/hazardous environments
- ♥ **Inconsistent housing** - hotel/motel, "couch surfing" between family or friends
- ♥ **Unaccompanied** - living away from a parent/guardian

More Support

If you feel that your student meets any of the listed qualifications, please contact your school counselor for further support.

- OR -

Scan the QR code and fill out the questionnaire that will be forwarded to your student's school.



Parent/Student Rights

- ♥ **Immediate enrollment**, even if lacking normally required documents
- ♥ **Continued enrollment** in their school of origin before becoming homeless
- ♥ **Free breakfast and lunch**
- ♥ **Transportation** to and from their school of origin, if requested by the parent/guardian and if feasible

The Reach Project can assist with the coordination of resources for student/parents, including:

- ♥ School Supplies
- ♥ Clothing/uniforms
- ♥ Hygiene products
- ♥ Birth certificate fee waivers
- ♥ Enrollment assistance
- ♥ Transportation
- ♥ Tutoring services
- ♥ Free breakfast and lunch
- ♥ Community agency referrals
- ♥ Referrals to 504 or Special Education Services
- ♥ Immunizations/acquiring medical records
- ♥ Summer Programs

Community Resources

The REACH Project team has established partnerships with outside counselors, local non-profit organizations, businesses, and state and federal programs to provide extended resources for students and families.

- ♥ **Findhelp.org**
- ♥ **Call 211**
- ♥ **Region 11 Area Food Banks**
- ♥ **County Homeless Coalitions**