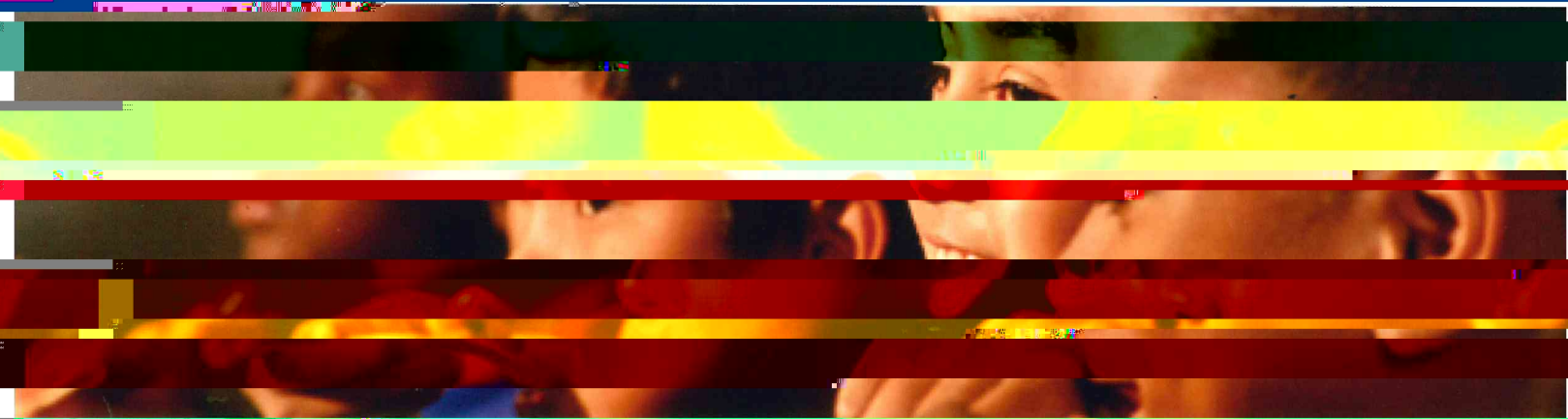


INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF
THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter

without adequate accommodation

in a crowded, poorly maintained building, or bus or train station

or living with other people due to homelessness or economic hardship

Children living in any of these situations may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Your eligible children have the right to:

• Receive a free, appropriate public education.

• **Enroll immediately** in a public school, even if you do not have proof of residency or other required documents.

• **Enroll in the local public school** in the neighborhood where you live, even if you are homeless while the school requires needed documents.
• **Enroll in the local public school** in the child's school of origin (the school the child was last enrolled in, or the school in which the child was last enrolled), if that is your preference.

• **Appeal** a school decision that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of the decision and allow you to appeal its decision.

• **Receive transportation** to and from school, if needed, to ensure regular attendance.

• **Receive educational services** that are appropriate to your children's needs, including counseling, health care, and other services.

• **Receive information** about available services and supports, including information about how to apply for federal benefits.



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