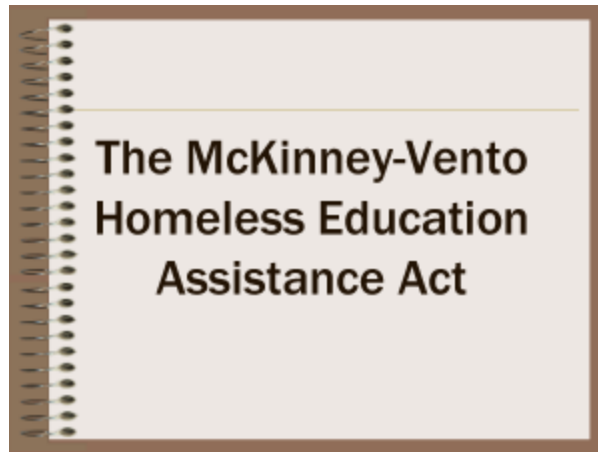


EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



One of the goals of the Juniata County School District is to help each student experiencing homelessness to have a school life that is as regular as possible during the period of homelessness.

July 22, 1987 the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act became public law. This was the first comprehensive federal law dealing with the problems of homelessness in America. Included in the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act, it is now called the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001.

In 1988, the Pennsylvania Department of Education established the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program, which is responsible for assessing Pennsylvania's homeless children population and developing the appropriate responses.

The Juniata County School District Homeless strives to increase awareness about the needs of homeless children, reveal and overcome possible educational barriers, and provide assistance and support to families.

The District's homeless liaison, Polly Digon, can support and help students in homeless situations in many ways. She may be contacted at pdigon@jcsdk12.org or by calling 717-436-2111, x5002.

The liaison may assist families with the following:

1. Making sure students are enrolled in school immediately, even if they do not have the papers they would normally need.
2. Helping families and youth get immunizations, immunization records or other medical records, if a student needs them.
3. Telling parents and youth about transportation services and helping to set up transportation.
4. Making sure students get all the school services they need.
5. Telling parents and guardians about all the programs and services the school has for their children.

[Click here](#) for parent information.

[Click here](#) for student information.

Attached here is the [Homeless BEC](#).