The Texas Education of Homeless Children and Youth Program (EHCY)

A collaboration of the Texas Education Agency, the Region 10 Education Service Center, and the Texas Homeless Education Office Authorized by Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.) to ensure enrollment, attendance, and educational success for students experiencing homelessness.

The Texas Picture
2014 - 15 School Data*
* most recently available data

- 2014-2015 total number of students enrolled in LEAs: 5,215,282
- 2014-2015 total number of LEAs: 1,219
- 2014-2015 total number of LEAs receiving McKinney-Vento subgrants: 128
- 2014-2015 percentage of all enrolled students who are homeless: 2.17%
- 2014-2015 percentage of all people below the poverty level: 17.7%
- 2014-2015 percentage of all people under 18 years old below the poverty level: 25.3%

Homeless Students Identified By Living Situation

- Unsheltered = 3,863
- Hotels/Motels = 7,510
- Shelters = 12,074
- Doubled-Up = 89,616

Homeless Students Identified By Grade Category

- Primary-Kindergarten through 8th grade: 69%
- Secondary-9th grade through 12th grade: 24%
- Preschool-Ages 3 to 5 years old: 7%

Homeless Students Identified By Student Characteristics

- One or more disabilities (IDEA)
- Limited English Proficient (LEP)
- Migratory children/youth
- Unaccompanied homeless youth

State-Mandated Assessment Proficiency

The Texas assessment results for 2014-15 show that homeless students score 10-15% below all other students. This is consistent with national data.
**THE TEXAS PICTURE**

**2015 - 16 Program Information**

TEXSHEP Subgrants funded = 66
(131 participating districts)

**Homeless Students Enrolled in Districts with TEXSHEP Subgrants Based Upon Most Current Data Available:**

![Bar chart showing enrollment percentages for 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15]

- 36% for 2012-13
- 37% for 2013-14
- 39% for 2014-15

Homeless students enrolled in a non-subgrantee LEA
Homeless students enrolled in a subgrantee LEA

**Training and Outreach**

- Training to ESCs, LEAs, Organizations: 100+
- Technical Assistance Requests: 1,337
- Collaborations with State and National Organizations: 42
- THEO Website Page Views: 18,000
- THEO Facebook Unique Users per Given Day: 2,700
- THEO Blog Posts/Unique Viewers: 16 / 6,900
- THEO Twitter Tweets/Views: 115 / 16,000

**McKinney-Vento Rights of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness**

The Federal McKinney-Vento Act and Texas State Law guarantee that a student can enroll in school if he/she lives:

- **Unsheltered** - in an abandoned building or a car, at a campground, on the street, or in substandard housing (no electricity, no water, and/or no heat);
- **In Hotels/Motels** or weekly-rate housing;
- **In Shelters** - family shelter, domestic violence shelter, youth shelter, or transitional living program; or
- **Doubled-Up** - in a house or an apartment with more than one family because of economic hardship or loss of housing, or with friends or family because he/she is a runaway or unaccompanied youth.

A student living in one of these situations **may enroll in school without providing:**

- proof of residency
- birth certificate
- immunization records or a TB skin test result
- school records
- legal guardianship papers
- parent/guardian signature for unaccompanied youth enrollment

A student may also:

- continue to attend the school in which he/she was last enrolled, even if they have moved away from that school’s attendance zone or district;
- receive transportation from his/her current residence back to their school of origin;
- qualify automatically for Child Nutrition Programs (Free and Reduced-Price Lunch); and
- participate fully in all school activities and programs for which he/she is eligible.

**Funding**

USDE awarded Texas $5.8 million in McKinney-Vento funding for 2015-16.

![Pie chart showing funding distribution]

- LEA TEXSHEP discretionary grants
  (Year 1 of three-year cycle: 2015-18)
- Statewide activities conducted by TEA, Region 10 ESC, THEO

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