

Title IX, Part A



Students in Transition

Does the family's/youth's income affect whether they are covered by the McKinney-Vento Act?

Did You Know?

In Florida, white families make up the largest number (1,075,800) of the 2.8 million families living in poverty **according to the U.S. Census**. But black families (655,600) and Hispanic families (912,000) have higher rates of poverty proportional to their population.

Since Florida student-athlete, Bryce Gowdy's suicide, Dr. Ruby Payne asks; what will we do, what will you do, your organization or community so that we don't experience more suicides of our youth? Bryce experienced homelessness as a youth. Read more <https://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/columnists/os-op-bryce-gowdy-suicide-black-teenagers-mental-health-20200103-227nl4o635eudjq4emlqr273je-story.html>

Generally, no. The Act's definition of homelessness centers on the student's living arrangement. There are no specific income limits in the definition. Income is vaguely referenced in the context of children and youth "sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason." Therefore, in determining whether shared housing meets the Act's definition, it may be appropriate to consider the family or youth's financial resources. However, there are circumstances in which relatively affluent families may be considered homeless under the Act, such as women and children fleeing domestic violence.

As of 1/09/2020
480
Homeless Students



Angelique Cox, school counselor at Bob Sikes Elementary, created the board below to share facts of student homelessness with the school community.



Opportunity Place, Inc. is the only low-barrier to entry temporary emergency shelter for families and single women who are homeless in Okaloosa and Walton County. Last year they served **217 women and families, including 111 children**. Opportunity Place ensures these individuals are no longer at risk living in their cars, in the woods, or other places not safe nor intended for human habitation.

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