Unaccompanied Youth Eligibility Flowchart

Is the student residing with someone who is not a parent or court-appointed legal guardian?

HOMELESS: SHOULD be enrolled as UHY under MV

NOT HOMELESS: SHOULD NOT be enrolled as UHY under MV

Why is the student with this person?

Family was evicted; cannot find housing all together; parent placed child temporarily with a friend or relative

Student left home due to danger or extreme conflict; student was put out of home by parent for a similar reason

The family was homeless prior to the parent’s incarceration or the caregiver arrangement is not fixed, regular, and adequate

The family lost housing; the parent placed the child temporarily with a friend or relative

Parent is incarcerated and a relative or friend agreed to care for the child

Parent enrolled the student and then left the area

Parent transferred for work; plan for student care & support in place so student can stay to finish school

Student moved in with a friend, relative, or coach to play sports, be in the band, attend a magnet school, etc.

Student did not change residences, caregiver moved in; parent made arrangements for the student prior to incarceration

Parent’s work schedule was problematic, so the child stays with relatives for school

NOTE: The information contained in this flowchart is intended to serve as a general guide. All McKinney-Vento eligibility determinations should be made on a case-by-case basis weighing the individual circumstances of each student. To be eligible for McKinney-Vento services as an unaccompanied homeless student, the student must meet the criteria of both homeless and unaccompanied.