

Kids Central, Inc. System of Care Procedure Manual

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Procedure Name: Transportation of Children in Out of Home Care to School

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Procedure

To make school stability a reality for children in out of home care, some children will need transportation to the school they are attending when they are moved to a placement in a new school district or attendance area, unless it is not in the child's best interest to do so. It is the procedure of Kids Central to ensure Kids Central, local public school system, and the case management agencies work collaboratively to meet the school transportation needs of all children in out of home care.

General Information:

1. The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children and youth as "(A) individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence; and (B) children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement."
2. Children in care who are eligible under McKinney-Vento and require transportation to remain in their schools of origin are entitled to transportation under McKinney-Vento by the education agency.
3. If McKinney-Vento applies to the child, transportation is requested by the case manager or foster parent. The local school district will provide or arrange transportation for the student to stay at the school of origin.
4. If the child does not meet the criteria of the McKinney-Vento Act, Kids Central and the Department of Children and Families will explore the use of Title IV-E funding for alternative transportation.

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5. If the child does not meet the criteria of the McKinney-Vento Act, case management agency will make transportation arrangements to ensure the child continues to attend the school of origin at time of removal, unless it is not in the best interest of the child to do so.

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