The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento Act) (42 United States Code § 11431-11435) is federal legislation that ensures the educational rights and protections of children and youth experiencing homelessness. It requires all local educational agencies (LEAs) to ensure that homeless students have access to the same free, appropriate public education, including public preschools, as provided to other children and youth. The McKinney-Vento Act defines LEAs as public school districts, direct-funded and locally funded charter schools, and county offices of education. The McKinney-Vento Act also authorizes the funding for the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program.

## Resources for Homeless Children and Youth

If you are in need of assistance or further information, please contact Jamestown School District's homeless liaisons, Patty Aguiar (209) 984-4058 ext. 3161 or email <u>paguiar@jespanthers.org</u>, or Kristen Youngman (209) 984-4058 ext. 3162 or email kyoungman@jespanthers.org.