



MCKINNEY –VENTO AND SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN POLICY GUIDANCE

Background

The Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End Homelessness, also known as the Grand Rapids/Wyoming/Kent County Continuum of Care entity and here forward referenced as the CoC, is committed to ending homelessness across Kent County.

The CoC recognizes the exercise of rights provided by *Subtitle B-Education for Homeless Children and Youths under Part C- Homeless Education of the McKinney-Vento Act*. As families with children experience homelessness, it is critically important that stability in the children’s education is retained and support given to prevent them from falling behind in educational attainment.

Applicability

All agencies serving families with school aged children within the Continuum of Care are encouraged to ensure that the rights provided in *Subtitle B, Part C* are protected. Any agency receiving public funding under the McKinney-Vento Act is required to have a policy in place.

Best Practices

Internal agency policies and procedures help to ensure families with children are aware of their educational rights and assisted in exercising them.