

WHAT IS NCHE?

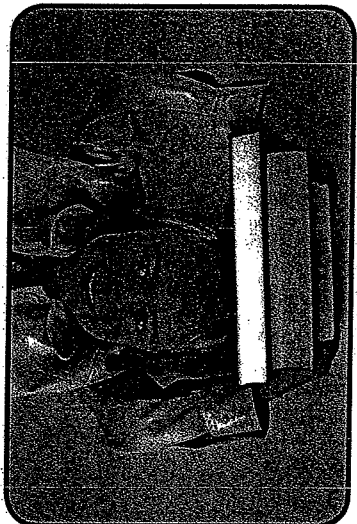
The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) is an information clearinghouse and technical assistance center in support of the homeless education community nationwide. NCHE is funded through the U.S. Department of Education and is housed at the SERVE Center at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. NCHE:

- ▶ Supports educators, service providers, parents, community members, and others interested in the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness
- ▶ Provides information and resources on the needs and educational rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness
- ▶ Provides information and training about the provisions of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, federal legislation dealing with the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness



NCHE RESOURCES

- ▶ Awareness folders
- ▶ Educational rights posters
- ▶ Enrollment reference foldouts
- ▶ Informational booklets for youth on their own
- ▶ Informational folders and brochures for parents
- ▶ Informational publications on best practices
- ▶ Issue briefs
- ▶ Training and reference materials for state coordinators and local liaisons
- ▶ Materials for supporting children and youth displaced by disaster



NCHE HELPLINE

800-308-2145 • homeless@serve.org

- NCHE operates a toll-free helpline to assist educators, service providers, parents, community members, and others interested in the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness. Contact the NCHE Helpline for assistance with:
- ▶ Understanding the educational rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness
 - ▶ Determining how the McKinney-Vento Act applies to a particular situation
 - ▶ Finding contact information for state coordinators and local liaisons
- Call the NCHE Helpline at 800-308-2145 or e-mail homeless@serve.org.

NCHE LISTSERV

NCHE's Homeless Education Listserv provides colleagues across the nation with a forum for communicating about emerging issues in the field of homeless education, including the application of the McKinney-Vento Act and strategies for protecting the educational rights of homeless children and youth. For more information or to join the listserv, contact NCHE at homeless@serve.org.

NCHE WEBSITE

<http://www.serve.org/nche>

- NCHE's website is a comprehensive source of information on homeless education.
- ▶ Order NCHE products free of charge
 - ▶ Learn more about the McKinney-Vento Act and other laws pertaining to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness
 - ▶ Search for information on topics such as identification, enrollment, transportation, unaccompanied youth, dispute resolution, and more
 - ▶ View or download training materials
 - ▶ Learn more about homeless education in your state
 - ▶ Download materials from other states and communities that can be customized and used in your community including brochures, posters, policies, and more

THROUGH IT ALL, SCHOOL IS PROBABLY THE ONLY THING THAT HAS KEPT ME GOING. I KNOW THAT EVERY DAY THAT I WALK IN THOSE DOORS, I CAN STOP THINKING ABOUT MY PROBLEMS FOR THE NEXT SIX HOURS AND CONCENTRATE ON WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO ME."

FORMERLY HOMELESS STUDENT

