

2019-20 School McKinney-Vento and Foster Care Allies

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What is an Ally for students in transition?

A McKinney-Vento School Ally is a trained advocate and support person for students living in temporary situations. The ally works with the district's homeless liaison to ensure students and families are afforded access to educational and community services that improve school outcomes and wellbeing.

How do they help? Allies.....

- Help schools identify students who are staying in temporary living situations
- Provide information to students, families, staff, and community about McKinney-Vento rights and services
- Ensure students rights and services are maintained, in partnership with the liaison
- Work to prevent unnecessary school transitions, or assist in school transfers when necessary
- Support families/students to complete needs assessments or other documentation and provide resources
- Conduct routine informal assessments and communicate school related needs to the liaison as needed
- Monitor attendance and academic progress of students, alert the liaison to excessive absences or other concerns
- Collaborate and problem-solve to remove barriers to school attendance and success!