

DETERMINING MCKINNEY-VENTO ELIGIBILITY

Sample Questions

Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, homelessness is defined as lacking a fixed, regular or adequate nighttime residence. Below are questions to ask to assist with making that determination.

Fixed: A fixed residence is stationary and permanent. For example, it is not a car, camper or tent.

- Is this a permanent or temporary living arrangement?
- Are you hoping to move out soon?
- Are you a guest in the home? Could you be asked to leave at any point?
- Are you staying with a family member or a friend?
- Where were you living prior to this location? What happened that you decided to stay in this present location?
- Was this living arrangement a decision by you and the occupant to share living expenses and save money, or this a temporary arrangement?

Regular: A regular residence is a normal, nightly housing situation.

- Do you stay in the same place every night or do you move around?
- Do you have a key to where you are staying?
- Are you able to come and go as you please?
- How long do you plan on staying in this present location?
- How long where you in your last home?

Adequate: An adequate residence is suitable for human habitation. It meets all the physical needs of a healthy living environment.

- How many people are living in the home?
- Does everyone have a bed for sleeping? How many people are sleeping in the same room?
- Are you or your children sleeping in a common area of the home?
- Does the home have heat, electricity and running water?
- Is there any sort of infestation in the home?
- What is the condition of the home? Does it keep out the weather?

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