

November 23, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In compliance with the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as reauthorized in 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School attempts to identify all children within the school that may be experiencing homelessness.

The term homeless children and youth is defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This includes individuals:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- Living in a motel, hotel, or campground due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus, or train stations or similar settings;
- Living in substandard housing (no running water or working utilities, infestations, etc.).

This description also applies to unaccompanied youth, including homeless children or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian (youth who have run away from home; been abandoned or forced out of home by a parent, guardian, or other caretaker; or separated from a parent or guardian for any other reason).

Children who are experiencing homelessness may qualify for assistance with free school lunch, school supplies/materials, tutoring, and continued transportation so that they can remain Lincoln Park throughout the duration of their homeless episode.

If you believe your child(ren) may qualify for the above service, please contact the school's homeless liaison. Brena Price at (724) 643-9004 or email brena.price@lppacs.org.

If your living situation changes during the school year, and you and your children become homeless, please be sure to contact the school. We will work with you so that your child(ren)'s education is disrupted as little as possible.

Sincerely:

Dr. Lindsay Rodgers

Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School

Principal