

# Archived Information

## MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

<p><b>Goal:</b> To ensure access of homeless children and youth to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as is provided to other children and youth.</p> <p><b>Legislation:</b> Title VII, SubTitle B, of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11431 et. seq.).</p>	<b>Funding History</b> (\$ in millions)			
	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>
	1985	\$0	2000	\$29
	1990	\$7	2001	\$35
	1995	\$29	2002 (Requested)	\$35

### Purpose of Program

The 1987 Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act was enacted to confront the problems associated with homelessness in the United States. The Act was amended in 1990 and 1994. Subtitle VII-B of the Act, as amended in 1994, mandates state action to ensure that homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free and appropriate public education as their nonhomeless counterparts. The 1994 amendments to the McKinney Act provide local educational authorities with increased flexibility in the use of funds, specify the rights of homeless preschoolers to a free and appropriate public preschool education, give parents of homeless children and youth a greater voice regarding their children's school placement, and require educational authorities to coordinate with housing authorities.

The Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program awards grants to state education agencies (SEAs) to provide services to homeless children and youth, to establish an Office of the Coordinator of Education of Homeless Children and Youth, and to award subgrants to local education agencies (LEAs) to help homeless children and youth enroll in, attend, and succeed in school. The Office of Coordinator prepares and implements a state plan describing how the state will provide for the education of homeless children and youth. To receive McKinney subgrants, LEAs apply to the state. States award subgrants on the basis of need, determined primarily by the number of homeless children and youth enrolled in LEAs and the ability of the LEAs to meet the needs of this population. However, each LEA in the state—regardless of whether it receives a McKinney subgrant—has responsibilities under the Act.

## Program Performance

OBJECTIVE 1: HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL HAVE GREATER ACCESS TO A FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Indicator 1.1 Public schools: An increasing percentage of homeless children and youth will enroll in public schools and will attend school regularly.			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Targets and Performance Data			<p><b>Status:</b> There are no 2000 data available, but progress toward the target is likely.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> We have not had consistent data on attendance in the past, making it difficult to judge progress. However, there has been a positive trend in enrollment since the inception of the program.</p>	<p><b>Source:</b> Triennial State Data Collection Report. <i>Frequency:</i> Every 3 years. <i>Next collection update:</i> 2000. <i>Date to be reported:</i> 2001.</p> <p><b>Validation Procedures:</b> Internal procedures were applied by telephone calls to State Educational Agencies (SEAs).</p> <p><b>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements:</b> States' methods of data collection vary, and the resulting data are not uniform. The Department is assessing options for shifting the data collection requirements from the SEAs to the Secretary.</p>
<i>Percentage of homeless children and youth enrolled in grades K-12, as reported by states</i>				
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		
1996-97:	78%			
1998-99:	Data Collected Triennially	No target set		
<b>1999-00:</b>	<b>Data Collected Triennially</b>	<b>No target set</b>		
2000-01:		82%		
2001-02:				
<i>Percentage of homeless children and youth in grades K-12 attending school, as reported by states</i>				
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		
1996-97:	55%			
1998-99:	Data Collected Triennially	No target set		
<b>1999-00:</b>	<b>Data Collected Triennially</b>	<b>No target set</b>		
2000-01:		59%		
2001-02:				
Indicator 1.2 An increasing number of homeless children and youth will have access to all Federal programs and state-sponsored academic programs.			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Targets and Performance Data			<p><b>Status:</b> There are no 2000 data available, but progress toward the target is likely.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> Prior data collections and evaluations show that there has been progress toward meeting this goal since the inception of the program. It is likely that this trend will continue in the future.</p>	<p><b>Source:</b> Unpublished tabulations, followup to the National Evaluation, 1998. <i>Frequency:</i> Every three years. <i>Next collection update:</i> None planned. <i>Date to be reported:</i> Uncertain.</p> <p><b>Validation Procedures:</b> The contractor applied internal verification procedures.</p> <p><b>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements:</b> The Department is assessing options for shifting the data collection requirements from the SEAs to the Secretary, and to include all reporting requirements in one data collection activity.</p>
<i>Number of states reporting increased access to Title I</i>				
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		
1997-98:	29			
1998-99:	Data Collected Triennially	No target set		
<b>1999-00:</b>	<b>Data Collected Triennially</b>	<b>No target set</b>		
2000-01:		31		
2001-02:				
<i>Number of states reporting increased access to special education</i>				
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		
1997-98:	14			
1998-99:	Data Collected Triennially	No target set		
<b>1999-00:</b>	<b>Data Collected Triennially</b>	<b>No target set</b>		
2000-01:		16		
2001-02:				
<i>Number of states reporting increased access to Head Start</i>				
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		
1997-98:	16			
1998-99:	Data Collected Triennially	No target set		
<b>1999-00:</b>	<b>Data Collected Triennially</b>	<b>No target set</b>		
2000-01:		18		
2001-02:				

<b>Indicator 1.3 Eliminating barriers: Decreasing numbers of states will report transportation, immunization, and residency requirements as barriers to access to education.</b>				
Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets	<p><b>Status:</b> There are no 2000 data available, but progress toward target is likely.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> Prior data collections and evaluations show that there has been progress toward meeting this goal since the inception of the program. It is likely that this trend will continue in the future.</p>	<p><b>Source:</b> Unpublished tabulations, follow-up to the National Evaluation, 1998.  <i>Frequency:</i> Every three years until 1998.  <i>Next collection update:</i> None planned.  <i>Date to be reported:</i> N/A.</p> <p><b>Validation Procedures:</b> The contractor applied verification procedures.</p> <p><b>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements:</b> Same as 1.2.</p>
1997-98:	In 1998, 6 states reported that immunization requirements still pose a barrier, 13 states reported that requirements for legal guardianship still pose a barrier, and 18 states reported that transportation still poses a barrier to the enrollment of homeless children and youth.			
1998-99:	No Data Available	No target set		
<b>1999-00:</b>	<b>No Data Available</b>	<b>No target set</b>		
2000-01:		4 states report immunization poses a barrier, 11 states report guardianship poses a barrier, 16 states report transportation poses a barrier.		
2001-02:				
<b>Indicator 1.4 Preschool-age children: An increasing percentage of preschool-age homeless children will enroll in preschool programs.</b>				
Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets	<p><b>Status:</b> Progress toward target is likely.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> 1998 was the first year that data were reported.</p>	<p><b>Source:</b> Triennial State Data Collection Report, 1998.  <i>Frequency:</i> Every three years until 1998.  <i>Next collection update:</i> None planned.  <i>Date to be reported:</i> N/A..</p> <p><b>Validation Procedures:</b> Internal procedures were applied by telephone calls to SEAs.</p> <p><b>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements:</b> Same as Indicator 1.2.</p>
1997-98:	In 1998, states reported that 21% of homeless preschool age children are enrolled in preschool programs.			
1998-99:	No Data Available	No target set		
<b>1999-00:</b>	<b>No Data Available</b>	<b>No target set</b>		
2000-01:		25% of homeless preschool age children are enrolled in preschool programs.		
2001-02:				