

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



- **ARE YOU STAYING IN TEMPORARY HOUSING?**
- **DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO STAY AT THEIR CURRENT SCHOOL?**
- **ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE ENROLLING YOUR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL, OR GETTING THEM THERE?**

Help may be available.



1. If you are staying temporarily with someone else because you lost your housing, or staying in a motel, campground, shelter, or in an outside or inadequate place, you and your children have special rights at school.



2. Those rights include:

- Staying in the same school even if you move, and receiving transportation to that school, as long as it is in the student's best interest
- Enrolling in school immediately without the documents schools usually require
- Receiving free school meals
- Getting help with school supplies and other needs
- Extra support for youth who are on their own



3. Contact Charlotte County Public Schools' McKinney-Vento Liaison to find out if you qualify for help:



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