SEAT 17

THE SEAT SERIES • HANDOUT A • SEAT CARD: DO THIS MONDAY

McKinney-Vento Liaisons • Pre-K to 12

Hidden Homelessness and Mid-Year Moves

How do we see students who are doubled up or moving often before their attendance falls apart?



THREE MOVES FOR THIS WEEK

☐ Ask the mobility question

Cost: $0

How many times has this student changed schools or homes in three years?

☐ Welcome transfers

Cost: $0

A buddy and an adult contact for every mid-year arrival.

☐ Share records quickly

Cost: $0

Request records and credits the day a student enrolls.

A WELCOMING INTAKE

1. Welcome. We are glad you are here.
2. Has your family moved recently?
3. Is your current place temporary or shared?
4. Here is our liaison, who can help with supplies and rides.

CLASSIFY BEFORE YOU CONSEQUENCE

Withdrawal
Moves and instability. Liaison, transport and stability supports.

Avoidance
A new school that feels unwelcoming. Assign a welcome buddy.

Refusal
Stress after loss. Counseling and a predictable routine.

Truancy
Check housing first.

AVOID THESE MISSTEPS

- x Labeling mobility as behavior
- x Waiting for families to disclose housing loss
- x Losing partial credits in transfers

HOW YOU WILL KNOW IT WORKS

Leading: Mid-year arrivals with a welcome plan
Lagging: Attendance in the first 60 days after a move

Evidence: Schools Spared, Children Punished, Ch. 3 (Antoine and Kayla, composite cases); Ziol-Guest & McKenna (2014), Child Development 85(1); Fomby & Cherlin (2007), American Sociological Review.

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