

## AB 490: Ensuring Educational Rights and Stability for Foster Youth

A 490 was created to establish new duties and rights related to the education of dependents and wards in foster care. It establishes legislative intent that foster youth are provided the following:

- Access to the same educational opportunities and resources as other students
- Increased stability of school placements
- Immediate enrollment even if records are not available
- Timely transfer of student records
- Calculation of full or partial credits for coursework completed by student at prior schools attended
- Education placement decisions that are determined by the student's best interest

## Students Rights under McKinney-Vento

- Immediate Enrollment: no prior records are needed, but should be obtained by enrolling school as soon as possible
- School Stability: the right to remain in the school of origin or attend the area where they are currently spending their nights
- Equal access to programs i.e. Special Education, English language development programs, etc.
- Students will automatically qualify for free and reduced meal programs offered in the district
- Upon request by parent or guardian, transportation to and from the school of origin will be provided by the FYHEP

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## TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG

Providing Educational Advocacy and Linking Services for Foster & Homeless Youth



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## *Foster Youth & Homeless Education Program*

The Alford Unified School District office of Foster Youth and Homeless Education Program (FYHEP) provides support and resources to students in the district. We strive to meet the unique educational needs of foster and homeless children and youth by working collaboratively with students, caregivers, schools, placing agencies, group home providers, Riverside County of Education and other related agencies.

We are aware that foster and homeless children and youth may need additional support and advocacy in order to have equal access to educational opportunities.

Our goal is to act as an advocate for students and to provide the support to help foster and homeless children and youth develop the skills and confidence necessary to become effective students and adults.

### *FYHEP Goals*

- *Improve academic achievement*
- *Improve attendance*
- *Reduce discipline problems*



## *Definition of Homeless*

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children and youth as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate residence. This definition may include Children or youth:

- Sharing housing due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations in hospitals
- Nighttime residence that is a not designated for, or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they live in circumstances described above



## *Additional Services*

- *Counseling*
- *Tutoring*
- *School Supplies*



## *Community Partners & Resources*

- *Alford Education Foundation*
- *City of Riverside* ▪ *Disney*
- *Optimist Club* ▪ *Path of Life*
- *Riverside County of Education*
- *Riverside Community College*
- *Safe House* ▪ *Riverside USD*