

Sample Questions to Ask When Determining McKinney-Vento Eligibility

The following questions are designed to assist in gathering information from parents, guardians, and/or unaccompanied homeless youth to determine the extent to which their living arrangement is fixed, regular, and adequate.

FIXED

- Is this a permanent arrangement or just temporary?
- Are you looking for another place to live?
- Do you plan to move out soon?
- Why are you staying in your current place?
- Where were you living right before this place? Why did you leave?
- Where would you go if you couldn't stay where you are?
- Are you staying with friends/relatives just for a little while?
- Did you or your friends/relatives decide to move in together and share a home and expenses?
- Are you contributing to household expenses, such as rent, utilities, etc.?
- Are you all sharing the home equally, or are you more like guests in the home?

REGULAR

- Do you stay in the same place every night?
- Do you have a key to the place where you are living?
- Do you move around a lot?
- How long have you been at that place? How long do you plan to stay?
- How long did you live in your last place?
- Do you get your mail delivered to the place you are living?

ADEQUATE

- How many people are living in the home? How many bedrooms/bathrooms does it have?
- Are you and your children sharing a room? How many people are staying in one room?
- Are you and your children sleeping in a bedroom, or in a public area, like a dining room?
- Does the home have heat/electricity/running water?
- What condition is the home in?
 - Does it keep out rain and wind?
 - Is it safe?
 - Is it warm and dry?