

McKinney-Vento Liaisons:

a school division's secret weapon
for engagement and attendance

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MCPS District Profile

- A geographically large (389 square miles), rural school community
- Just under 10,000 students
- 20 schools
- Hybrid learning model, four ½ days in person*
- Fully remote and Virtual School options
- Attendance approach = MTSS

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Role of the McKinney-Vento Liaison

Formally: Identify students experiencing homelessness and ensure protections under the law (immediate enrollment, free lunch, transportation assistance, access to resources)

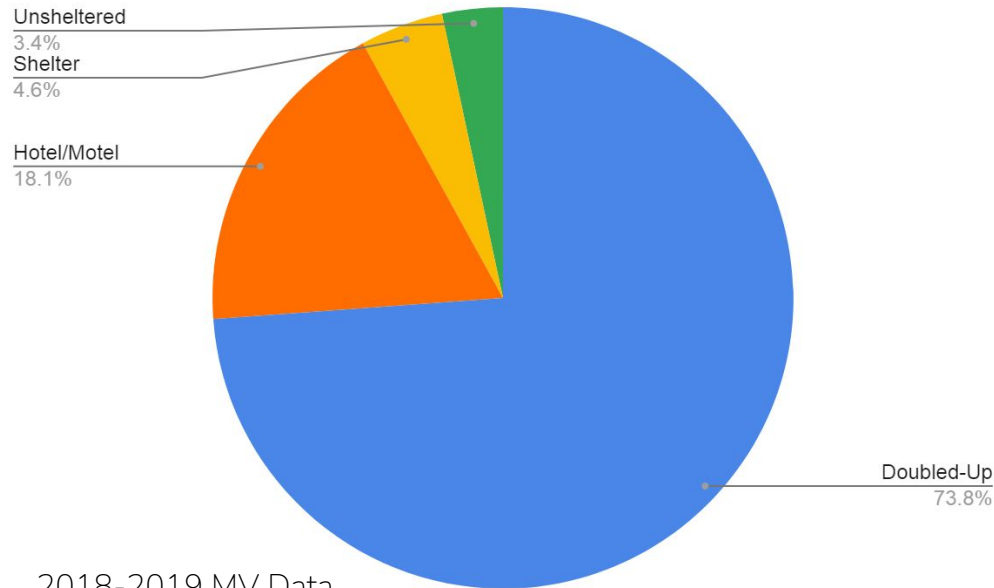
Informally: we connect with families in transition, we build relationships and those relationships can lead to better attendance

Arguably this population is the most “at-risk”

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2018-2019 MV Data

12% of all MCPS students were chronically absent

29% of MCPS student experiencing homelessness were chronically absent

2019-2020 data

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WHAT I KNOW

- where the family is living, as it is often changing
- phone numbers and addresses
- family's story
- members of the families support team
- interrelationships between various families

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HOW I CAN HELP



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- Save school staff **time**
- **get in touch** with family
- community outreach and **resources**
- transportation
- context during intervention meetings: when **families feel understood** this can lead to increased compliance
- district-level **data analysis**
- Providing additional Information
- creative problem solving

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COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO ATTENDANCE



Contact, Advocate, Connect, Support

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