

# THE TEN LEGAL DUTIES OF THE HOMELESS LIAISON

Homeless liaisons are required (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)) to ensure that:

1

Homeless children and youths are **identified by school personnel** through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies.

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Homeless children and youths are **enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, schools** of that local educational agency.

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Homeless families and homeless children and youths have **access to and receive educational services** for which such families, children, and youths are eligible, including services through Head Start programs (including Early Head Start programs), early intervention services under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and other preschool programs administered by the local educational agency.

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Homeless families and homeless children and youths **receive referrals to health care services**, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services.

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The parents or guardians of homeless children and youths are **informed of the educational and related opportunities available** to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children.

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**Public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated** in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such children and youths, and unaccompanied youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to the parents and guardians of homeless children and youths, and unaccompanied youths.

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**Enrollment disputes are mediated** in accordance with this law.

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The parent or guardian of a homeless child or youth, and any unaccompanied youth, is **fully informed of all transportation services**, including transportation to the school of origin, and is assisted in accessing transportation.

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School personnel providing services under this law receive **professional development and other support**.

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## UNACCOMPANIED YOUTHS—

- 1) are **immediately enrolled** in school;
- 2) have **opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic standards** as the State establishes for other children and youth, including through implementation of partial credit procedures;
- 3) And are **informed of their status as independent students and are able to obtain assistance** from the local educational agency liaison to receive verification of such status for purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)