NOTE: It is important to remember that the information contained in this flowchart is intended to serve as a general guide. All McKinney-Vento eligibility determinations should be made on a case-by-case basis based on the individual circumstances of each student. To be eligible for McKinney-Vento services as an unaccompanied homeless student, the student must meet two criteria: 1) The student’s living arrangement must meet the McKinney-Vento definition of “homeless”; and 2) The student is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

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