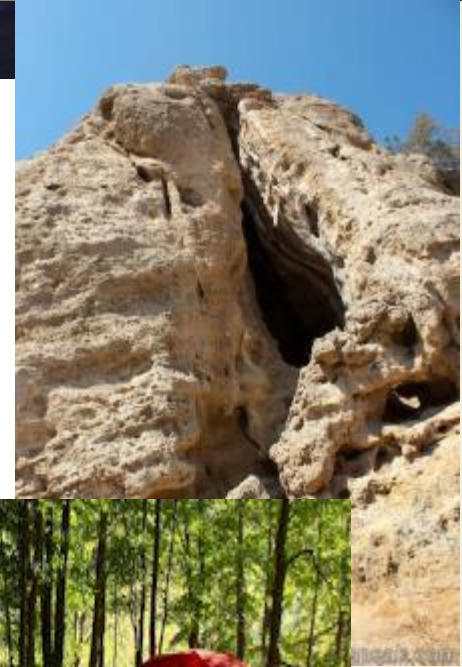


# Homeless

- **Homeless = Lacking a primary nighttime residence that is:**
  - Fixed: Stationary, permanent, no subject to change
  - Regular: Used on a predictable, routine or consistent basis
- AND
- Adequate: Sufficient for meeting both physical and psychological needs



# A National Perspective

- In the 2012-2013 school year, 1,258,182 homeless children and youth were reported as enrolled in U.S. Public Schools
- 2/3 of homeless adults do not have a high school diploma or GED
- 10% of all children living in poverty are homeless



Denver Broncos



Source: National Center for Homeless Education <http://center.serve.org/nche/> and National Association for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth [www.naehcy.org](http://www.naehcy.org)



# Homelessness in Colorado



In Colorado during the 2013-14 school year:

**24,062** McKinney students were identified and served in Colorado public school districts. This number has **TRIPLED** since 2003-04

- Just over 8% represents Unaccompanied Homeless Youth



# Unaccompanied

- **Not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian**
  - Whether asked or chose to leave
  - Can be in legal custody of a parent/guardian, but must be living apart
  - May have periodic contact with parents/guardians but not supported
  - No lower age limit
  - Upper age limit = 21 years old



# McKinney Vento Overview

## Main Themes

Educational  
Access



School  
Stability



Support for  
Academic  
Success

# McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act

Title X, Part C ESEA

**Ensures the Educational Rights to Children and Youth Living in Transition:**

- **A Homeless Education Liaison in every school district**
- **Right to immediate enrollment**
- **Choose between the neighborhood school, the school last enrolled or attended (school of origin)**
- **Transportation to the school of origin**
- **Immediately receive free school meals and access to other school resources**
- **Automatic eligibility for Title IA of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act**



# Signs of Homelessness

- Lack of continuity in education
- Difficulties in school
- Paperwork and documentation challenges
- Social and behavioral concerns
- Poor health/nutrition
- Lack of support system
- Statements by the student

<http:center.serve.org/nche/downloads/toolkit2/app12b.pdf>





# School and Library Partnerships

- Libraries are critical access points for families and students experiencing homelessness
- Welcoming and SAFE environments with supportive adults who can serve as navigators
- Access to educational tools and other basic need resources
- Access points for learning and homework
- Free information and entertainment
- Setting for healthy social interactions
- Partnerships! Facilitators and connectors of multi-agency collaborations

# State and Community Resources

- Colorado Department of Education- McKinney-Vento Webpage
  - [www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutprevention/homeless\\_index](http://www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutprevention/homeless_index)
- National Center on Homeless Education
  - [www.serve.org/nche](http://www.serve.org/nche)
- National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
  - [www.naehcy.org](http://www.naehcy.org)
- United Way 2-1-1 Information & Referral Line
  - <https://211colorado.communityos.org/cms/node142>

