

## TITLE X, Part C No Child Left Behind

# McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements

### What is Title X?

The purpose of Title X, Part C is intended to ensure that homelessness does not cause these children to be left behind in school. Homeless children and youths should have access to the education and other services that they need to meet the same challenging state student achievement standards to which all students are held.

### How is Title X funding distributed to schools?

Formula grants are made to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico based on each state's share of Title I funds. The outlying areas and the Bureau of Indian Affairs also receive funds, State Education Agencies (SEAs) then provide competitive subgrants to local school districts. States must make subgrants to districts to facilitate the enrollment, attendance, and success in school of homeless children and youths. These may address problems caused by transportation issues, immunization and residency requirements, lack of birth certificates and school records, and guardianship issues.

### What does Title X provide?

Title X provides flexible funding that may be used for:

- Activities to carry out the program's goals
- Activities for, and services to, homeless children and youths that enable them to enroll in, attend, and succeed in school or preschool programs
- Professional development programs for school personnel to heighten their awareness of, and capacity to respond to, specific problems in the education of homeless children and youths.

### How do schools use Title X funding?

More than 50,000 public schools across the country use Title X funds to provide transportation services, educational services for which the child or youth meets the eligibility criteria, programs in vocational and technical education, school nutrition programs, and to prepare teachers to deal with the unique challenges the homeless student must confront to attain academic achievement. Schools may use funds to provide the same services to other children and youths who are determined by the LEA to be at risk of failing in, or dropping out of, school.

### What ScholarCentric instructional materials can be part of a Title X program?

Success Highways is eligible for funding under Title X as a strategy for raising student achievement as well as prevention of dropouts. Using the extended time program or before- and after-school programs, districts can institute the Success Highways program for homeless students. An additional advantage is the training of teachers during the program to address this population and help them meet high quality standards.

