Research shows homelessness in the early years is harmful to children’s development.¹

The McKinney-Vento Act (MVA) defines homeless children and youths as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.²

- **UNSHELTERED CHILDREN**
  - Living in cars, parks, beaches, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus and train stations

- **CHILDREN IN SHELTERS**
  - Living in emergency or transitional shelters

- **FAMILIES LIVING DOUBLED UP**
  - Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing and/or economic hardship

³ Almost half of all children in federally-funded shelters are under age 6.³

45%

![Image](www.familypromise.org)

Do not graduate from high school

34%

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Drop out of school at least once

42%

More likely to need special ed

3 times

More likely to repeat a grade

8 times

Hawaii Department of Education (HDOE)³

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Support the adoption and utilization of the McKinney Vento definition of homelessness across all departments

Support legislation to increase access to early learning programs for Keiki experiencing homelessness

Support legislation that will improve residential stability for families

Strengthen family tax credits

Support legislation to increase outreach services and strengthen wrap around services tailored to families with young keiki, including leveraging “Ohana Zone funding

PREVAILANCE IN HAWAII

3,362

Children under Age 6 experienced homelessness in Hawaii (2015)

1 IN 32

333

Homeless keiki in Kindergarten and public preschool programs

92% of children experiencing homelessness were unserved by federally-funded ECE programs

Districts most impacted by early childhood homelessness

3,362

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Endnotes
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