



## What's Up Your Sleeve?

### The Ins and Outs of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

*If your last name begins with N-Z*

#### Is There Anybody Out There?

- 1) Consult NCHE's "[Determining Eligibility](#) for Rights and Services Under the McKinney-Vento Act" brief.
- 2) Consult SchoolHouse Connection's "[Full Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities for Students Experiencing Homelessness](#)" brief.
- 3) The US Department of Education has issued [guidance](#) stating that schools can provide FERPA rights to minor students. See questions 5 and 6.
- 4) Share SchoolHouse Connection's "[Información en Español](#)" webpage with the student if navigating information in English may be challenging for her.
- 5) The US Department of Education's [Application and Verification Guide](#), which all post-secondary institutions must follow, states: "If a student does not have and cannot get documentation from any of the authorities given on page 33 [including the MV liaison], you (the FAA) must determine if she is an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or is self-supporting and at risk of being homeless;" and "It is not conflicting information if you disagree with an authority's determination that a student is homeless."

#### Phone a Friend

- 1) I've talked with that guy at the state athletic association a few times over the years.
- 2) That school nurse supervisor really gets McKinney-Vento
- 3) I've worked with a local family mediation program to convince parents to provide basic support and documents to youth.
- 4) One of our assistant superintendents attended a student panel I arranged two years ago and listened to students talk about the causes and impacts of their homelessness.
- 5) I always run into my district's dropout prevention specialist at Starbuck's.
- 6) That one person at the SNAP office is always nice to the youth I send over.
- 7) For the last couple of years, I've been having lunch three times a year with the Financial Aid Administrator at the college in my town.