

# SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



250,000 Homeless Students

Largest number in U.S.

38% of nation's total

5% of entire CA student population

15,458 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

80% unsheltered

20/58 California's counties have direct services for homeless youth

20-40% Homeless Youth Identify as LGBTQ

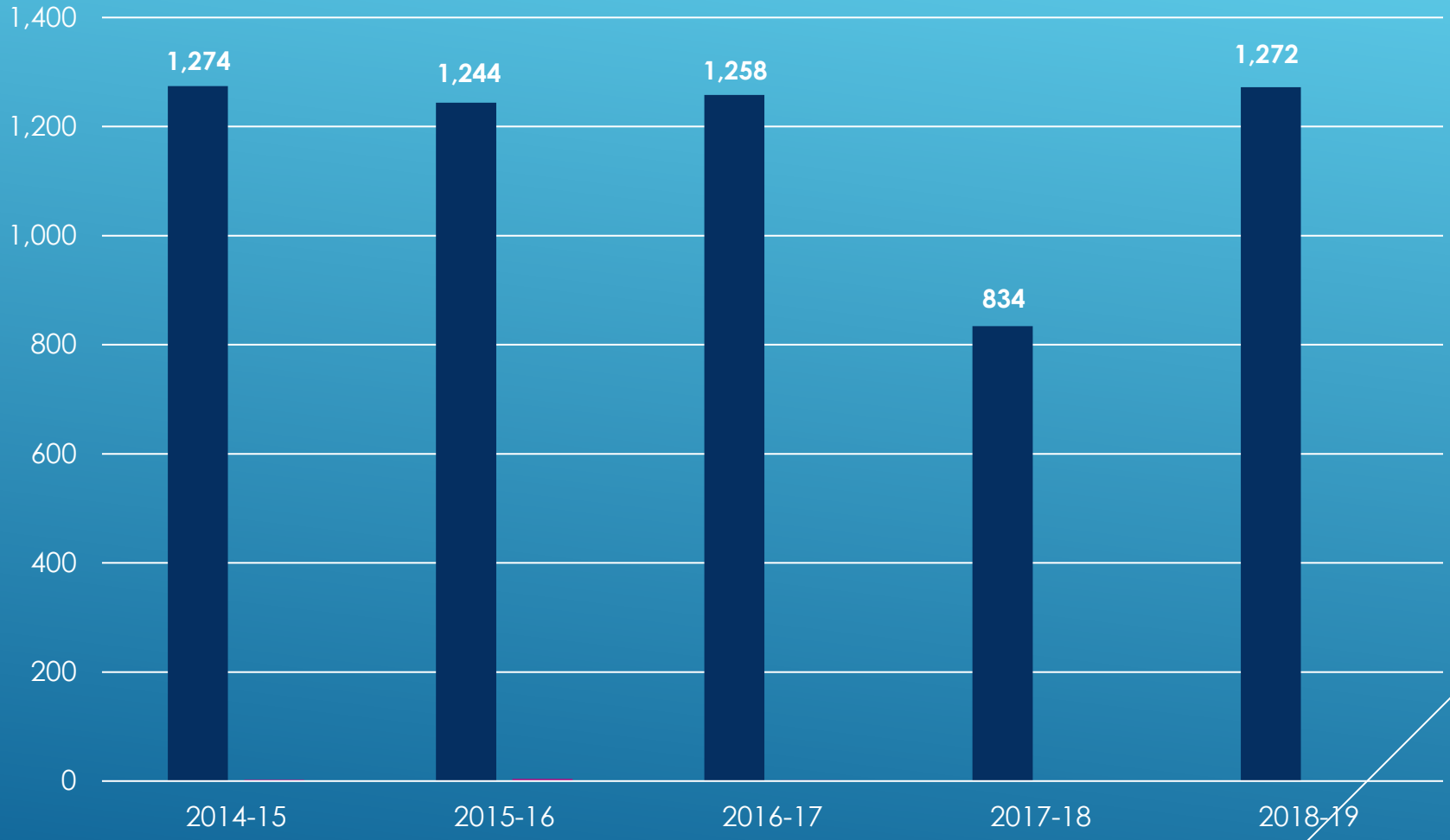
Family rejection  
Poverty

Lack of culturally competent services  
Discrimination

# CALIFORNIA STATISTICS



# Marin County Homeless Youth Count



**CDE recommends tripling the count to get a more accurate sense of the population**

- ▶ Federal government gives \$8 million for McKinney-Vento funding
- ▶ California puts \$0 into McKinney-Vento funding



## MCKINNEY-VENTO

- ▶ Definition of Homelessness:
  - ▶ Lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence
  - ▶ Sharing housing due to loss of housing and/or economic hardship
  - ▶ Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp grounds
  - ▶ Living in emergency or transitional shelters
  - ▶ Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, or similar settings
  - ▶ Migratory children living in any of these circumstances

# UNDERSTANDING DOUBLING UP



Serve as temporary shelter, may not last or may place family in danger

# DEFINITION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN

## AND YOUTH INCLUDES:

Sharing housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, domestic violence/abuse, or a similar reason

### Clarifying Questions:

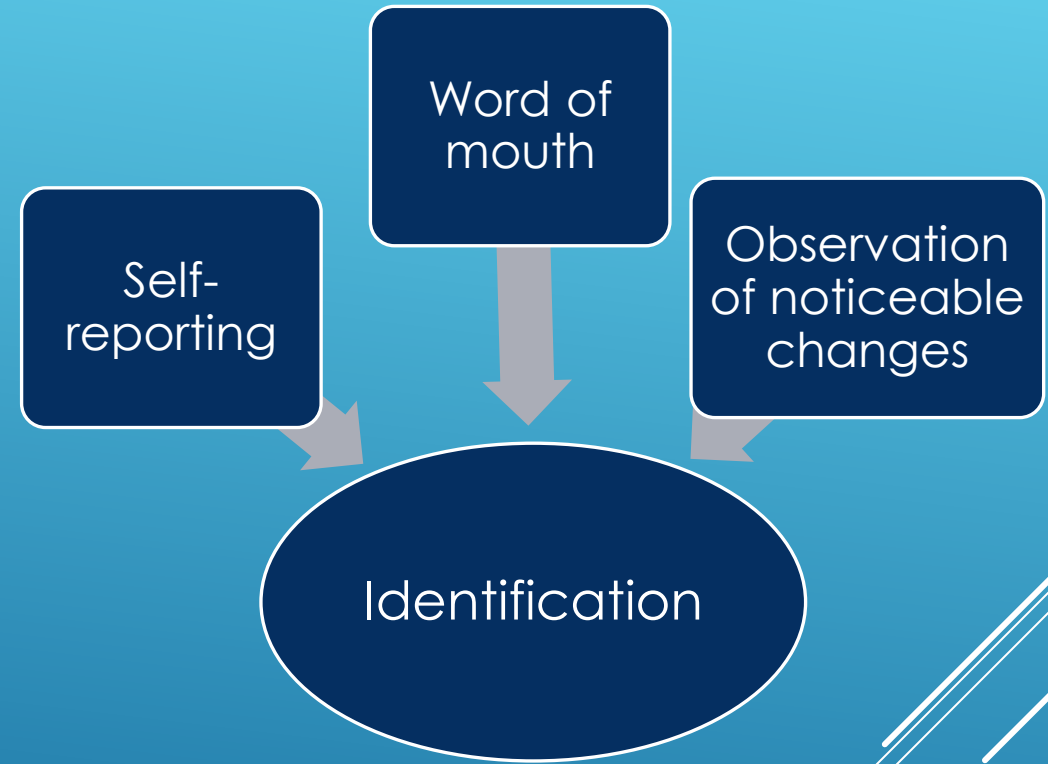
- Does the family or youth have any legal right to be in the home?
- Can the family or youth be asked to leave at any time with no legal recourse?
- Did the family lose previous housing due to:
  - Eviction or foreclosure?
  - Destruction of or damage to previous home
  - Unhealthy or unsafe conditions?
  - Domestic violence?
  - Abuse or neglect?
- Did economic hardship due to accident, illness, loss of employment, loss of benefits, or similar reason force family or youth to share housing of others temporarily?





# ELIGIBILITY AND IDENTIFICATION

Eligibility		
Housing questionnaire	Questions describe living arrangements included in McKinney-Vento definition	Enroll immediately



# MCKINNEY-VENTO REQUIREMENTS

- Guaranteed enrollment in school
  - Enroll or attend school without
    - Proof of residency
    - Immunization records or T.B. skin-test results
    - School records
    - Legal guardianship papers
  - Participate fully in all school activities
  - Participate fully in all programs
  - Qualify automatically for child nutrition programs
- Continue to attend school of origin
    - School of origin: last school enrolled
    - Living away from school's attendance zone or district
  - Transportation from current residence back to school of origin
  - Dispute resolution during enrollment process





- ▶ Services not ordinarily provided to other students
- ▶ Transportation to school of origin; to and from after-school programs
- ▶ Meeting basic needs: clothing, shoes, school supplies
- ▶ Referrals for health, dental, hearing, vision
- ▶ Counseling services
- ▶ Outreach to homeless parents
- ▶ After-school and/or summer programs
- ▶ Emergency food while student is in school: breakfast, lunch, snacks
- ▶ Fees associated with: birth certificates and/or immunizations, GED for homeless students and parents
- ▶ Activities other than direct instruction, promoting student achievement
- ▶ Funding for class projects, field trips, caps/gowns, P.E. classes



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# WHAT WE CAN DO

