

# Homeless youth in EDC to benefit from state group

Each year, the Child Support Directors Association of California raises funds to help support a nonprofit selected by the CSDA president. Next year's funds will support El Dorado County students identified as homeless by the McKinney-Vento Act through a charity called the Homeless Children Matter Fund.

Don Semon, director of El Dorado County's Child Support Services, is the incoming director of the state association.

The money will help students throughout the county.

Fundraising activities will begin this month and continue until the CSDA annual training conference in May. Historically, these fundraising activities have raised more than \$25,000 annually for the selected charity.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ensures that children identified as homeless (defined as lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence) receive access to all school programs and services for which they are eligible. These services include academic support, school nutrition, and transportation to the school where they were enrolled when permanently housed. In El Dorado County nearly 1,000 enrolled students have been identified by McKinney-Vento as homeless.

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