

## **12 Things Principals and Teachers Can Do to Help Homeless & Highly Mobile Students:**

1. Welcome students!
2. Ensure that staff who work directly with a student staying in a shelter are aware of the situation and respect the student's privacy about this living situation.
3. Make sure parents feel comfortable and let them know they are welcome in your school.
4. Select a student to be the buddy on first day of class.
5. Offer tools to complete any required task. Supplies may not be available for the child.
6. Provide a clipboard when possible as a portable desk.
7. Provide a space for the student to store his/her belongings.
8. Have necessary toiletry items on hand to ensure proper hygiene at school.
9. Keep a supply of nutritional snacks in your room.
10. Refer to on-site tutoring programs for educational assistance.
11. Help students make plans for transportation for after school activities or other special events.
12. Provide inservice for all school staff to ensure they are sensitive to the needs of homeless students.