# Vocational Rehabilitation Services Glossary

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Homeless

Homelessness is defined as individuals who:

* do not have a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; this includes individuals who:
* are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
* are living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or campground due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
* are living in an emergency or transitional shelter;
* are abandoned in a hospital; or
* are awaiting foster care placement;
* have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation (such as a car, park, abandoned building, bus station, or camping grounds);
* are migratory children who in the preceding 36 months was required to move from one school district to another due to changes in the parent’s or parent’s spouse’s seasonal employment in agriculture, dairy, or fishing work; or
* are under 18 years of age and absent themselves from their home or legal residence without the permission of their family (runaway youth).

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