## Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program

Santa Rosa School Board Meeting

December 14, 2017

# History

- In 2016, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation approved funding for a Small Counties Demonstration Project to house homeless families who have children in school.
- The EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless became aware of the program and facilitated a meeting between the Housing Finance Agency, the Santa Rosa School District and Milton Housing Authority.
- After a series of meetings and calls the pilot is now ready to begin.



### Goals:

Provided with housing stability for 12 months:

- Students' academic success will improve and family engagement in schools will increase,
- Families income will increase, and
- Families will remain stably housed after the first year.



# TEBRA- A Community Effort!

- Florida Housing Finance Corporation
- Santa Rosa County School District
- EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless
- Milton Housing Authority
- Family Promise
- The Dawn Church, The Hope Church, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
- University of West Florida
- Other organizations

# Who is eligible?

Students who are eligible for McKinney-Vento Services and enrolled in the Santa Rosa County School District



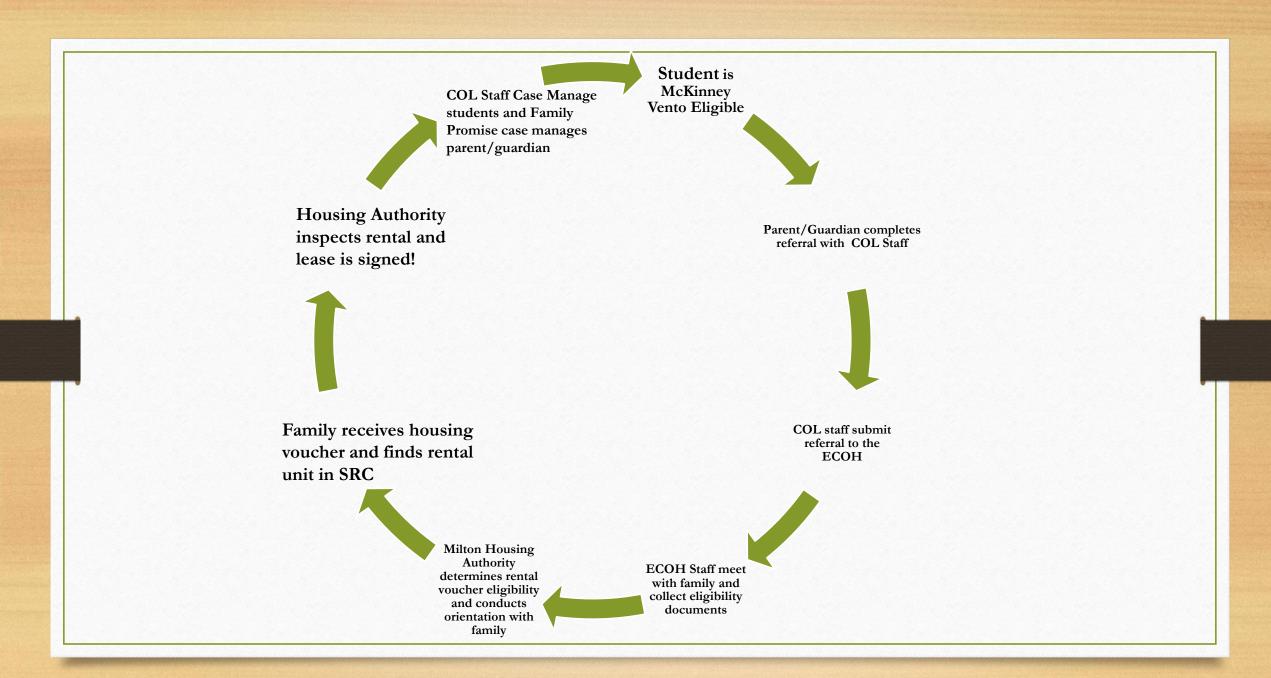
## McKinney-Vento Definition

- Children or youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including children and youth:
  - Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
  - Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations
  - Living in emergency or transitional shelters, or who are abandoned in hospitals

#### What must families do to participate?

- $\checkmark$  Meet with COL Staff and begin application process
- ✓ Complete the Family Sustainability Plan
- ✓ Meet with ECOH to determine financial eligibility
- ✓ Agree to follow Attendance Policy
- ✓ Participate in Case Management
- ✓ Support child's school success
- Provide all financial documents and participate in orientation with Milton Housing Authority
- ✓ Be responsible for utilities and a minimum of \$50/month for rent
- ✓ Set goals and meet with Family Promise Case Manager twice a month for the first month and then monthly for 11 months





### Community Support

#### Household Items

#### Employment

### Moving Day Assistance

#### Furniture, kitchen items





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