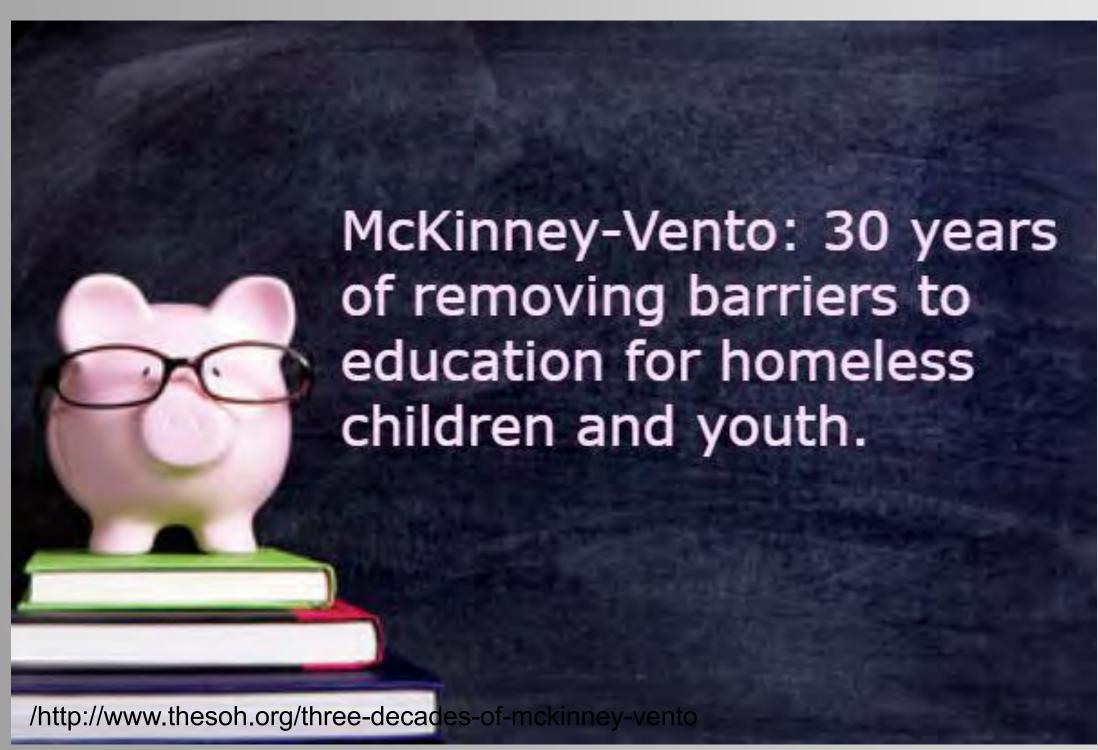
## Homelessness among Youth

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#### Methodology:

- A literature review was done using peer reviewed articles to obtain research knowledge
- An outline of the McKinney-Vento Act was created to become more familiar with the legislation
- Lastly, the Value-Critical model was used to analyze the policy



#### Benefits of the McKinney Vento-Act:

- Transportation to school of origin if student moves
- Student is automatically eligible for free lunch
- Parents don't have to provide certain documentation to schools immediately



### Findings:

- Defining homelessness has been an issue in the past, two questions are asked when defining homelessness:
  - Type of living arrangement
  - Period of time an individual spends in the living arrangement
- There has historically been a stigma put on homelessness
- There aren't an abundance of policies in place to assist the homeless population
- The McKinney-Vento Act is the policy used by all schools in the United States to provide assistance to homeless students and their families

#### Congruence with Social Work Values:

- The McKinney-Vento Act allows social workers to advocate for homeless students and help remove barriers to get them enrolled in school
- This policy allows social workers to engage in policy practice and serve their clients while addressing the social issue of homelessness