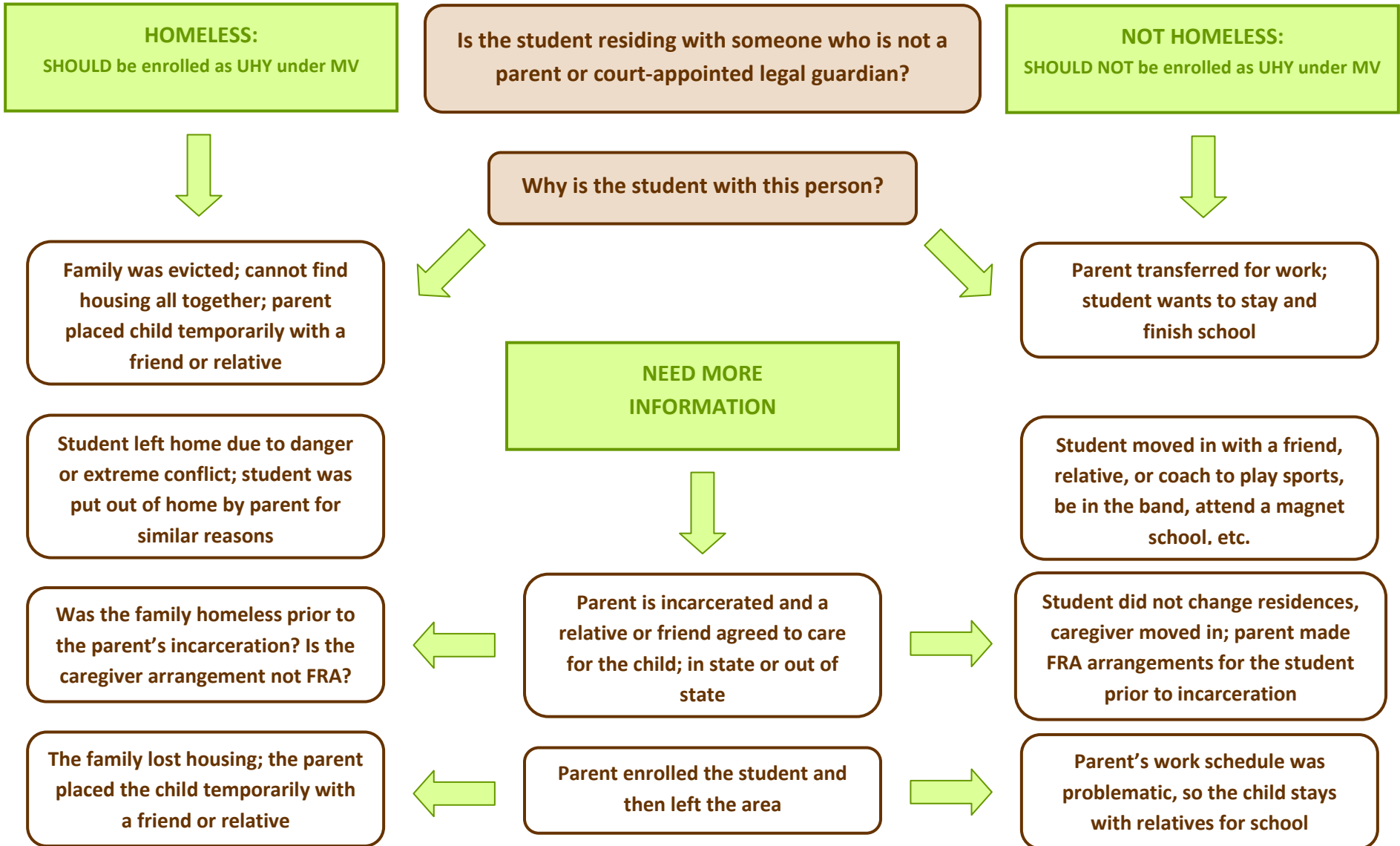




## Unaccompanied Youth Eligibility Flowchart





## Determining McKinney-Vento Eligibility of Unaccompanied Youth Live Chat and Group Discussion: March 3, 2010

### 1. Is the student residing with someone who is not their parent or court appointed guardian?

If yes, continue to the next question.

### 2. Does the student meet the definition of homeless under McKinney-Vento?

These are sample questions that can be asked to determine McKinney-Vento eligibility. Reminder: Homelessness is defined as “lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence”.

- Why is the student living with someone who is not their parent/guardian?
- Is the entire family homeless and this student placed in this residence as a temporary plan for housing?
- Did the student leave home because of severe family conflict?
- How long can the student continue living where he/she is?
- Does the student have his or her own space/bedroom in the residence?
- Does the student have adequate privacy?
- Can the student come and go as needed?
- Where would the student live if not able to live where they are?

If the student is considered homeless (lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence) and unaccompanied (not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian), then they can be registered as an unaccompanied homeless youth under the McKinney-Vento Act.

If the student is not homeless and he/she is residing with a person other than the parent or court-appointed guardian, the student does not qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth under the McKinney-Vento Act.