

Good Afternoon Liaisons,

It is my goal to have ongoing communication with the field regarding training opportunities, resources, and other pertinent information that may be helpful in your role as a Liaison. I invite any feedback regarding the effectiveness of this format and hope this can be a useful tool.

Important Dates

Please find the attached [Important Dates](#) document for 2017-2018 school year, related to McKinney-Vento.

Back To School Webinar

A recording of the webinar “Back To School: Students experiencing Homelessness and Students in Foster Care” can be found on the CDE- Homeless Education webpage or following this link:

[Back To School: Students Experiencing Homelessness and Students in Foster Care](#)

Description: Kerry Wrenick and Kristin Myers provide an overview of ESSA implementation and helpful guidance in working with vulnerable populations. The presentation includes resources and tips for the beginning of the school year. Kristin and Kerry also highlight the crosswalk between McKinney-Vento and Foster Care.

Disaster Preparation and Response

http://www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutprevention/homeless_natural_disaster

http://nche.ed.gov/ibt/dis_prep.php

Training Opportunities

<http://www.naehcy.org/2017-conference>



Supporting the Education of Unaccompanied Homeless Students under ESSA

Friday, September 22, 2017 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET (*please adjust for your time zone*)

Register:

<https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=eba7e7fa63ab7895afad339b9f9419310>

Description: In this interactive webinar, presenters will review changes to the McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), related to supporting the education of unaccompanied homeless students.

Presenters will cover:

- ESSA basics, including key implementation dates
- The definitions of "unaccompanied" and "homeless", including ESSA amendments to these terms
- K-12 educational rights and supports for unaccompanied homeless students
- Supports for unaccompanied homeless youth transitioning to higher education

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with presenters and fellow attendees through polls and discussion periods.

Presenters: NCHE Staff

McKinney-Vento School Selection Rights: Changes Under ESSA

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET (*please adjust for your time zone*)

Register:

<https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb557fcc2c7c102a8a306c9a086d0a272>

Description: In this interactive webinar, presenters will review important changes related to school selection for homeless children and youth under the McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Presenters will review:

- ESSA basics, including key implementation dates
- Changes to the definition of "school of origin"
- Changes related to determining the best interest of the child or youth in terms of school selection
- Changes related to the provision of transportation to currently homeless students and formerly homeless students who have become permanently housed

- Changes to the McKinney-Vento dispute resolution process, including disputes about school enrollment and selection

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with presenters and fellow attendees through polls and discussion periods.

Presenters: NCHE Staff

NCHE Coffee Break: Understanding Doubled-Up

Thursday, September 28, 2017 | 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM ET (*please adjust for your time zone*)

Register:

<https://uncq.webex.com/uncq/onstage/q.php?MTID=eb70d4da75ee69224122e1e2eaed41745>

Description: In this 45-minute webinar, participants will join presenters from the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) in an exploration of the issue of doubling-up. Doubled-up is the informal wording used to describe a concept included in the McKinney-Vento Act's definition of *homeless*. It refers to shared living arrangements, some of which may be considered homeless, while others may not be, depending on various factors. In this session, designed to provide professional development in a convenient and interactive online format, participants will explore some of these factors in greater detail and have the opportunity to ask questions about concepts covered throughout the session.

Presenters: NCHE Staff

Paving the Way to College for Students Experiencing Homelessness

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 | 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM EST (*please adjust for your time zone*)

Register:

<https://uncq.webex.com/uncq/onstage/q.php?MTID=e6f84ddabccd a6f0f046e18b501995adb6>

Description: In this interactive webinar, presenters will review important information about supports available to homeless youth as they seek to attend college. Attendees can hope to gain a better understanding of:

- Fee waiver options for college entrance exam and college application fees
- The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) process for both accompanied and unaccompanied homeless youth, including the U.S. Department of Education's new early FAFSA submission timeframe and "prior-prior year tax information" practice

- College Cost Reduction and Access Act provisions pertaining to unaccompanied homeless youth and the FAFSA
- Options for seeking financial assistance beyond federal financial aid
- Options for undocumented youth wishing to attend college

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with presenters and fellow attendees through interactive polls and discussion periods.

Presenters: NCHE Staff

Determining McKinney-Vento Eligibility: Changes under ESSA
Tuesday, October 10, 2017 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET (*please adjust for your time zone*)

Register:

<https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=eda0d28c82c4c1aa1dd1710f52073bcec>

Description: In this interactive webinar, presenters will review changes to the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless children and youth, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Presenters will cover:

- ESSA basics, including key implementation dates
- The amended McKinney-Vento definition of homeless, including the removal of "awaiting foster care placement" and new guidance on substandard housing
- New ESSA provisions on McKinney-Vento dispute resolution, including disputes related to eligibility

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with presenters and fellow attendees through polls and discussion periods.

Presenters: NCHE Staff

NCHE Coffee Break: Understanding Doubled-Up
Friday, October 20, 2017 | 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM ET (*please adjust for your time zone*)

Register:

<https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3a23acae4c8de394d296f8fdfee7115f>

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included in the McKinney-Vento Act's definition of *homeless*. It refers to shared living arrangements, some of which may be considered homeless, while others may not be, depending on various factors. In this session, designed to provide professional development in a convenient and interactive online format, participants will explore some of these factors in greater detail and have the opportunity to ask questions about concepts covered throughout the session.

Presenters: NCHE Staff

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