

McKinney-Vento

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Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! As we begin the new school year, I want to ensure you are provided the support and assistance needed to serve our McKinney students. As the State Coordinator for Homeless Education, my responsibility is to support you in providing professional development, resources, and ensuring the provisions of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) are upheld. Monthly e-communication is a tool to share updates and important information.

SAVE THE DATE: McKinney-Vento Liaison Training (Subgrantees required attendance)

Date: Thursday, September 20, 2018

Time: 9am-3pm

Location: Aurora Public Schools

Agenda and registration link will be sent in the upcoming weeks.

Updated Contact Information

Has there been a change within your school district for the McKinney-Vento Liaison? If so, please email the updated contact information to Wrenick_k@cde.state.co.us.

Please include: School District, Name, email, phone number

Professional Development

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) highlights the requirement for Liaisons to participate in and conduct ongoing professional development that enhances knowledge and skills within the McKinney-Vento program. There are various opportunities for professional development including, but not limited to: Liaison trainings, [NAEHYC Conference](#), State Conferences, webinars, national trainings. It is important to stay current within homeless education and changes that may impact your work. CDE provides training videos and additional resources you may find helpful [here](#)

US Department of Education Survey

Be on the lookout for an email and a link to complete the 2017-2018 Data Collection Survey. There are a few changes this year: (1) Districts **are not** required to submit K-12 student counts. This information will be pulled from End of Year Reports. (2) Districts **are** required to submit Birth-2 and 3-5 (not Kindergarten) counts. This will be an informal collection, as this subgroup will not be identified through SASIDs.

Free Trainings

If you missed the webinars conducted in partnership with NAEHCY, you can find them [here](#)

Topics include: McKinney-Vento and Foster Care 101- Let's Get to the Basics

Going Beyond the Basics: ESSA and the role of the McKinney-Vento Liaison

McKinney-Vento 101: Understanding the Rights of Students Experiencing Homelessness

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM MST

Register:

<https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e68caef8d2f22b762d3fded1ebd7db6fc>

Description: In this interactive webinar, presenters from the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) will provide a high-level overview of the educational rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness under Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Topics will include:

- Understanding the relationship between housing and school performance
- ESSA and Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program Basics
- Eligibility for McKinney-Vento rights and services
- School selection and immediate school enrollment
- Transportation
- Dispute Resolution

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

Presenters: NCHE Staff

Determining McKinney-Vento Eligibility under ESSA

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM MST

Register:

<https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3e7592c7c69686d3c90d71ddc58316c6>

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

- ESSA basics and context
- Understanding the dynamics of family and youth homelessness
- The McKinney-Vento definition of homeless, as amended by ESSA
- 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

Paving the Way to College for Students Experiencing Homelessness

Thursday, September 27, 2018 | 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM MST

Register:

<https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=eae98d898372557539f4951ec25223a34>

Description: In this interactive webinar, presenters will review important information about supports available to youth experiencing homelessness 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 early FAFSA submission timeframe and "prior-prior year tax information" practice
- Higher Education 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

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