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This e-communication is intended to provide Child Welfare Education Liaisons (CWELs) and other foster care stakeholders informed about current news and events related to students in foster care.

News and Updates

Rulemaking Process for Educational Stability Grant

At the January 2019 meeting, the State Board of Education approved the notice of rulemaking for the Administration of The Educational Stability Grant Program for Highly Mobile Students, 1 CCR 301-104. The rulemaking hearing is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 13, 2019, in the State Board room, 101, time listed below**. A copy of the rule, accompanying memo, and the associated crosswalk are attached to the E Communication email. Contact Kristin Myers with any questions.

Wednesday, March 13, 2019:

1:30 p.m. Rulemaking Hearing: Rules for the Administration of The Educational Stability Grant Program for Highly Mobile Students, 1 CCR 301-104

- HB 18-1306 creates the Educational Stability Grant Program within the department. The grant is intended to support educational stability of highly mobile students with a focus on students in out-of-home placements (foster youth), students experiencing homelessness and migrant youth. **This is a new rule.**

Upcoming Meeting with Facility School Directors, CWELs and County Human Services Staff

In addition to the regional meetings taking place between CWELs and county human services, there will be a special meeting with the Facility Schools Directors that will take place on March 8, 2019 from 10:00AM-1:00PM. Topics will include BID Process, common communication, and transportation billing. **In order to ensure we have adequate space, please RSVP using this link:** <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c3b0ad255f2b42149d1526c0a437bd93>

Missed the Mid-Year CWEL Webinar? We have you covered!

There was a webinar held on February 5th for CWELs to share best practices and discuss school stability implementation related issues. If you would like a recording of this webinar, [click here](#).

Kristin Myers Elected to the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) as an At-Large Member

NAEHCY recently added a foster care track to their National Conference in order to build capacity and establish intentional partnerships to serve students experiencing homelessness and students experiencing foster care. The foster care track will continue at the next national conference, which will be held in Washington DC November 2-5, 2019. Visit <https://naehcy.org/conference/2019->

[conference/](#) for more information. Kristin will also provide updates from NAEHCY in the monthly e communication as appropriate.

ESSA and Colorado HB 18-1306 Implementation News

Accessing Transportation Funds for Students in Foster Care

CDE and CDHS are available to meet with districts and counties to support accessing transportation funds under CDHS. This process is new for everyone and several districts and counties have expressed concern with the billing aspect of transportation funds. Aaron Oberg, Director of the School Finance Division at CDE has offered to provide districts with support in the financial aspect of billing counties for transportation costs. Please contact Kristin Myers to arrange technical assistance.

Transportation reimbursement basics under HB 18-1306: School districts may submit an invoice to counties for reimbursement for 100% of transportation costs they incurred for providing transportation for foster students to their school of origin since July 1, 2018. Districts are eligible to receive up to 90% of the total cost of transportation back from the county. To obtain these funds, the county department of human services submits the invoice to the state (CDHS) and receives the money to reimburse the school districts. Schools are not responsible for billing CHDS and will receive funds from the county human services department directly. Transportation agreements do NOT have to be signed to receive funds.

Double Check CWEL Contacts

School districts are required to report the name and contact information for Child Welfare Education Liaisons by August 15 each year. This year, the reporting took place through the Consolidated Application. Several of the contact names provided through the application were not accurate. Please ensure your contact information is correct on the list provided on the Foster Care Education Webpage. Send any corrections or updates to Kristin Myers at CDE.

Upcoming Conferences and Presentations

Save the date! Colorado Highly-Mobile Student Summit

The Colorado Department of Education is hosting the first-ever, Summit on Highly-Mobile Students. This 1.5 day event will take place **April 23 and 24, 2019** in Denver metro area. Attendees from across the state will convene to learn best practices, network, and share experiences with others. Be on the lookout for the registration link coming soon. This is a free event and all are welcome!

Diploma Planning Institute and Trauma-Skilled Training

Registration is now open for the Diploma Planning Institute and Trauma-Skilled Training hosted by the [National Dropout Prevention Center](#). Locations: Denver, Colorado Springs and Grand Junction. These trainings will take place in March and April 2019.

CDE's Office of Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement is partnering with the National Dropout Prevention Center to host these trainings.

March Training Dates

To register for March trainings please click [here](#).

Diploma Planning Institute Training:

- **What:** 1.5 day Diploma Planning Institute –A team of experts from the National Dropout Prevention Center (NDPC) will train and guide school or district teams to analyze local data and circumstances and to develop and implement research-based dropout prevention plans. Additional information can be found [here](#).
- **Audience:** Alternative Education Campuses (AECs), alternative education program teams, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Low Grad rate schools, and school and districts rates that are *approaching* or *do not meet* the state’s Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness (PWR) indicators.
- ***Cost:** \$150 Per person
- **Dates:** March 18, 2019 (1-4 PM) through March 19th (8 AM – 3:30 PM)
- **Location:** Denver

Trauma-Skilled School Training:

- **What:** 1.5 day training on Trauma Skilled School Model - Recent trends have moved schools toward awareness, but that is not sufficient to help students excel in the classroom and life. This training introduces and builds on a framework that provides strategies to transform a school's culture to be Trauma-Skilled. Information on this framework can be found [here](#).
- **Audience:** Schools and district staff linked to student support services, school counselor, school social worker, school psychologist, Administrators/coordinators (Special Education, Title I, Homeless Education, Foster Care Education, Migrant Education, MTSS etc.)
- ***Cost:** \$ 150 per person (including food)
- **Dates:** March 20, 2019 (1-4 PM) through March 21st (8 AM – 3:30 PM)
- **Location:** Colorado Springs

April Training Dates

To register for April trainings please click [here](#).

Diploma Planning Institute Training

- **Description, Audience and *Cost – See above**
- **Dates:** April 8, 2019 (8:00 AM to 3:30 PM) and April 9, 2019 (8:00 AM to 11:00 AM)
- **Location:** Grand Junction

Trauma-Skilled School Training

- **Description, Audience and *Cost – See above**
- **Dates:** April 9, 2019 (1:00 PM to 4:00 PM) and April 10, 2019 (8:00 AM to 3:30 PM)
- **Location:** Grand Junction

*Register for both trainings and receive \$25 discount per training

Participants will be eligible to receive CDE contact hours for attendance.

For More Information

CWEL Toolkit

Resources for CWELs available on the foster care education website

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutprevention/cweltoolkit>

Foster Care Education Website Updates

Keep checking the Foster Care Education webpage for new resources! In the upcoming months, toolkits for various foster care education stakeholders will be available by topic area.

If you have general questions or need assistance, contact:

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