

McKinney-Vento- August 2019



Beginning of the Year Reminders

- The beginning of the school year is an opportune time to meet with administrators, registrars, and other school personnel regarding the identification, enrollment, and rights afforded to students experiencing homelessness. CDE provides training videos and additional resources you may find helpful here
- Has there been a change within your school district for the McKinney-Vento Liaison? If so, please email the updated contact information to <u>Wrenick k@cde.state.co.us</u>. 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, NAEHCY Conference, State Conferences, webinars, national trainings. It is important to stay current within homeless education and changes that may impact your work.



Welcome Back!

As we kick off another great academic year in Colorado, it is important to highlight the support and assistance needed to serve our McKinney-Vento students.

As the State Coordinator for Homeless Education, my responsibility is to provide professional development, technical assistance, resources, and ensure the provisions of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) are upheld.

Monthly e-communication is a tool to share updates and important information.



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Speaking of Trainings (flyer on last page)....

The <u>2019 National Dropout Prevention Conference</u>, Gaining New Heights in Dropout Prevention is October 5-8, 2019. This conference features strategies and programs from across the country that have proven effective in engaging and sustaining students through graduation.

*For Colorado participants, use code COED2019 to receive a 10% discount. Please note that, for individuals who are able to demonstrate financial need, they can request a free registration request by completing this Form by August 16th by 11:59 pm.

Free Trainings provided by NCHE

SUPPORTING THE EDUCATION OF UNACCOMPANIED STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS Wednesday August 14, 2019 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MST

Register: https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e07dc1982f6c9137227f2f879de1fb852 **Description:** In this interactive NCHE webinar, presenters will review key concepts related to the education of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness included in the McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Presenters will cover:

- McKinney-Vento Act definitions of unaccompanied and homeless
- K-12 educational rights and supports for unaccompanied homeless students
- Supports for unaccompanied homeless youth transitioning to higher education

MCKINNEY-VENTO 101: UNDERSTANDING THE RIGHTS OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS **Thursday August 22, 2019** | **12:00PM-1:00PM MST**

Register: https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e115d86a6e30aa72fe9e538824435b6e5 **Description:** In this interactive NCHE webinar, presenters 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). Presenters will cover:

- Understanding the relationship between housing and school performance
- McKinney-Vento basics and context
- Eligibility for McKinney-Vento rights and services
- Immediate school enrollment, school selection, and transportation rights under McKinney-Vento
- The McKinney-Vento dispute resolution process

MCKINNEY-VENTO SCHOOL SELECTION RIGHTS **Tuesday August 27, 2019** | **12:00PM-1:00PM MST**

Register: https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e346f643d771c86b0846962e93d3e1a31 **Description:** In this interactive NCHE 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 cover:



- McKinney-Vento basics and context
- The McKinney-Vento Act's definition of school of origin
- McKinney-Vento provisions related to determining the best interest of a student in terms of school selection (local school or school of origin)
- The provision of school-of-origin transportation to currently homeless students and formerly homeless students who have become permanently housed
- McKinney-Vento provisions related to dispute resolution, including disputes about school enrollment and selection

PAVING THE WAY FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS **Wednesday September** 4, 2019 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MST

Register: https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e44997b19a0057a26c9dbc8a695a65809 **Description:** In this interactive NCHE 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 exams and college application fees
- The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) process for students experiencing homelessness with their family/parent/guardian, and students experiencing homelessness on their own (unaccompanied homeless youth)
- Options for seeking financial assistance beyond federal financial aid
- Options for undocumented youth wishing to attend college

DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR MCKINNEY-VENTO RIGHTS AND SERVICES **Thursday September 12, 2019** | **12:00PM-1:00PM MST**

Register: https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7c95404863d89f4a9ff0bb8159d86ae8 **Description:** In this interactive NCHE 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:

- McKinney-Vento Act basics and context
- Understanding the dynamics of family and youth homelessness
- The McKinney-Vento definition of *homeless*
- McKinney-Vento provisions on dispute resolution, including disputes related to eligibility







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FRANK DEANGELIS
FORMER PRINCIPAL,
COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL



KANSAS CITY (MO)
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



PRINCIPALKA FELE.COM



ROBERT BROOKS

PSYCHOLOGIST & FACULTY MEMBER
HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL



DYNAMIC KEYNOTES

Nationally Recognized Speakers & Practitioners

50+ BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Focus on Current & Innovative Best Practices & NDPC's 15 Effective Strategies for Dropout Prevention

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Strong Skill-building Focus With Immediate Takeaways

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

With Practitioners From All 50 States







