

McKinney-Vento

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McKinney-Vento: What's Happening? Survey links have been emailed to all McKinney-Vento Liaisons to complete the 2017-2018 U.S. Department of Education Survey. As a reminder, 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.

Surveys must be completed by **November 9th**. Please check your email (and spam) to ensure you have received the individualized link and instructions. Please contact Kerry Wrenick, (wrenick_k@cde.state.co.us) with questions.

November is Homeless Awareness Month- What activities are you planning? How can you raise awareness within your community? Find out ways to get involved [here](#)

Dispute Resolutions

If a dispute arises under the McKinney-Vento Act over eligibility, school selection, or school enrollment, the Act requires LEAs to take the following steps:

1. The child or youth shall be immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought, pending final resolution of the dispute, including all available appeals. In the case of an unaccompanied youth, the local homeless education liaison must ensure that the youth is enrolled immediately in the school in which the youth seeks enrollment pending final resolution of the dispute. While disputes are pending, students have the right to participate fully in school and receive all services for which they are eligible, as the definition of enrollment includes "attending classes and participating fully in school activities."
2. The parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth must be provided with a written explanation of any dispute-related decisions made by the school, LEA, or SEA involved, including the right of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to appeal such decisions. The LEA must provide this written explanation, including the reasons for its determination and information regarding the right to appeal, in a manner and form understandable to the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied. In the case of an unaccompanied youth, the local liaison must ensure that this written notice is provided directly to the youth.
3. The parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth must be referred to the local liaison, who will carry out the dispute resolution process described in the State McKinney-Vento plan as expeditiously as possible after receiving notice of the dispute. The local liaison must be familiar with the State's McKinney-Vento dispute resolution process and follow all procedures outlined therein.

You can refer to the [NCHE Issue Brief](#) for additional information and strategies.

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

Feed The Children

Unfortunately, the backpack shipments have been delayed due to trade issues with China. Feed the Children is hoping they will arrive in November. Stay tuned for updates!

Free Trainings

If you missed the webinars conducted in partnership with NAEHCY, along with upcoming trainings 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
Sensitivity and Strengths Based Interviewing- October 10, 2018
Business and Professional Ethics- October 12, 2018
Leading with Emotional Intelligence- November 9, 2018
Preparing Students for Higher Ed with EI- November 30, 2018

Checkout [Resources and Training Materials](#) on the CDE McKinney-Vento page for more!

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

Thursday, October 11, 2018 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM MST

Register: <https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e51fa45f539d66cb75a6dfbcd827484ed>

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, November 6, 2018 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM MST

Register: <https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=eeecc1696a50adf3d31e09945feaf079>

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
- McKinney-Vento provisions on 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, November 8, 2018 | 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM MST

Register: <https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb271494882c641102cfa7260aa6c527e>

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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