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February 2019

Important Information! This month's E-Communication is chocked full of important dates, trainings, and funding opportunities!! Please take a moment to review and mark your calendars.

Check out Thompson School District and the feature in their local newspaper: http://www.reporterherald.com/news/education/ci_32425314/thompson-schools-clothing-closet-open-meet-students-needs

2019-2022 Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant RFP released

The McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children & Youth Request For Proposal (RFP) is now available. The intent of the grant program is to remove educational barriers facing children and youth experiencing homelessness, with emphasis on educational enrollment, attendance and success.

Approximately \$600,000 is available for the 2019-2020 school year. Based on available funding, established need and quality of the proposal, three-year grants will be awarded, ranging from \$20,000 to \$60,000 per year for LEAs or BOCES.

An application training webinar will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, from 9 am – 10 am. Register for either of these opportunities at: <https://mvhomeless2019.eventbrite.com>

Letter of Intent: If interested in applying for this funding opportunity, please submit the [Letter of Intent](#) by **Friday, March 8, 2019**. This allows CDE to plan for the review process and communicate with prospective applicants with additional technical assistance should a need arise.

Proposals will be due on **Tuesday, April 30, 2019**. For more information and to access the RFP, please visit the Website below.

(http://www.cde.state.co.us/Dropoutprevention/homeless_index.htm)

Feed the Children Backpack Distribution- May 2nd



Feed the Children and the **Colorado Department of Education** are continuing their partnership to provide 1,000 backpacks, books, and school supplies to Colorado School Districts to distribute to students experiencing homelessness.

If you are interested in receiving backpacks for students in your district experiencing homelessness, please register [here](#) before **April 4th**.

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.

Free Trainings and Webinars

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!

Check out webinars and past training materials on the [CDE page](#)

Supporting the Education of Unaccompanied Students Experiencing Homelessness: February 28 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm MST

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

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

Handouts: You may download webinar handouts at <https://nche.ed.gov/supporting-the-education-of-unaccompanied-students-experiencing-homelessness/>.

Presenters: NCHE Staff

[Register here.](#)

Paving the Way to College for Students Experiencing Homelessness: March 6 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm MST

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

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

Handouts: You may download webinar handouts at <https://nche.ed.gov/nche-webinar-materials-paving-the-way-to-college-for-students-experiencing-homelessness/>.

Presenters: NCHE Staff

[Register here.](#)

Determining Eligibility for McKinney-Vento Rights and Services: March 14 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm MST

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

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

Handouts: You may download webinar handouts at <https://nche.ed.gov/determining-eligibility-webinar/>.

Presenters: NCHE Staff

[Register here.](#)

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