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**Data Elements for Homeless Students**

Effective July 1, 2020- school districts are required to track additional information related to the “Cause of Housing Crisis.” A webinar was conducted on August 4, 2020 and a recording can be found [here](https://enetlearning.adobeconnect.com/pgbu8y6emvy1/).

Make every effort to connect with data managers to ensure these elements have been added to your Student Information System.

\*\*It is important for parents/UHY to select one of the “Causes” rather than “None of the Above” to reflect needs of the community.

**Birth-2 and 3-5 (not K) Reporting**

Districts **are** required to submit Birth-2 and 3-5 (not Kindergarten) counts through the USDE Survey submitted in November. This will be an informal collection, as this subgroup will not be identified through SASIDs. Districts can decide the most effective tracking strategies, or reach out to State Coordinator for guidance.

**Monthly e-communication is a tool to stay connected and keep up-to-date with relevant MKV information. Do you have something to share or celebrate? We want to know!**

**McKinney-Vento April 2021**

**Funding Opportunity**

### 21st CCLC grant application now open

Applications are being accepted for the Nita M. Lowey 21st Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grant, a three-year, $5.75 million grant to help establish or expand community learning centers that provide students with academic enrichment opportunities, along with activities designed to complement the students’ regular school day. Priority will be given to those programs serving students who attend high-poverty, low-performing schools.  
The 21st CCLC programs provide students with a broad array of activities during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session (such as before and after school, holidays, weekends, fifth day programming for schools/districts

with a four-day school week, or during summer recess).  
  
Applications are due Wednesday, May 12, by 11:59 p.m. For additional information and to access the application, please visit the 21st CCLC website  
[Click Here for Additional Information](https://state.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bee6c43ae6102530cf98cadf9&id=2fa8da57a6&e=df5362955d)

**The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP)**

The ARP ESSER Fund requires the U.S. Department of Education to reserve $800 million to support efforts to identify homeless children and youth, and provide them with comprehensive, wrap-around services that address needs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and allow them to attend school and participate fully in all school activities. The Department will award these funds expeditiously, and will work to coordinate these new resources with supports provided through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as well as other ARP ESSER Fund activities targeting homeless children and youth.

**McKinney-Vento Data Collection**

As a Liaison, are you communicating with your Local Access Manager to ensure McKinney-Vento student counts are accurate? End of Year reporting is fast approaching and we want to make sure accurate reporting of students.

**MKV webpage has been updated**

We have updated the McKinney-Vento webpage to provide you with current information, resources, trainings, and tools. Check out the

[revised webpage](http://www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutprevention/homeless_index) when you have a chance.

**Highly-Mobile Coffee Chats**

In partnership with Foster Care Education, we are hosting a monthly ‘Highly-Mobile’ Coffee Chat. The Coffee Chats are an opportunity to connect with other Liaisons on important issues related to your work. We will highlight colleagues and showcase best practices. We strive to make the setting more informal and casual in an effort to interact and build community. There will not be a registration process, just join when you can.

When: Second Thursday of the Month, 10-11am

Where: Zoom (link to be sent prior)

Topics: Varying, but relevant

**Changes to the 2023-24 FAFSA**

Beginning July 1, 2023, unaccompanied homeless youth will no longer have to prove their independent status each academic year. We will provide more information and resources as we approach this date.

**CDPHE Accepting Applications for PAID Community Leadership Opportunities**

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment are currently recruiting for youth and community advisory boards and we would love for you to share this with your networks ([CAB application](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__forms.gle_SWN37XzFjr5hTQsQA&d=DwMFaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=8WISwC7lCyzC_erjTGHl0C4PmbWVegljUYUbr_4JbEE&m=S25NlPHJrK4NOUS5Dpq0ycKEaOqSDoCV4B9oJeWAE_k&s=KtfYDYw2GRChQef4SsuvrsaO_Fsen7ifVtRjqrTvFbE&e=) and [YPH applications](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__forms.gle_FtCCsU4aP8ABpmKC9&d=DwMFaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=8WISwC7lCyzC_erjTGHl0C4PmbWVegljUYUbr_4JbEE&m=S25NlPHJrK4NOUS5Dpq0ycKEaOqSDoCV4B9oJeWAE_k&s=DkEMsdlQhQpCNGeKslQ31KsWbbn8tdp7Y3dz1mcjefY&e=)). These are paid opportunities that are designed to inform and influence the programs and policies of our state health department, as well as other state, local and community partners.  Please see the attached promotional flyers for more information.

**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.

**Free Trainings**

**Provided by NCHE-** <https://nche.ed.gov/group-training/>

**DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR MCKINNEY-VENTO RIGHTS AND SERVICES**

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MST

**Register:**<https://uncg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aTlqTpJDQPqH5Ki9i8-CRg>

**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/](https://nche.ed.gov/determining-eligibility-webinar/?customize_changeset_uuid=9e1019fc-80ff-4e23-a4d4-45429350e2d5&customize_autosaved=on&customize_messenger_channel=preview-37).

#### ****UNDERSTANDING DOUBLED UP****

Thursday, May 13, 2021 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MT **Register:**<https://uncg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BTHqwqiOTHqfawBjABC8fA>

**Description:** In this 45-minute NCHE webinar, presenters explore the issue of doubling-up. Doubled-up is the informal wording used to describe a concept included in the McKinney-Vento Act's definition of homeless. It refers to shared living arrangements, some of which may be considered homeless, while others may not be, depending on various factors. In this session, attendees will explore some of these factors in greater detail. Attendees also 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/understanding-doubled-up/>.

#### ****PAVING THE WAY TO COLLEGE FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS****

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MST **Register:**<https://uncg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_H6IUoPX5RD-yF0jamcP8Iw>

**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/>.

#### ****MCKINNEY-VENTO 101: bASIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE MCKINNEy-VENTO ACT****

Thursday, June 10, 2021 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MST **Register:**https://uncg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_0\_Yy3mlgT4GIiFFNSJWHPw

**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

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/mckinney-vento-101-basic-requirements-of-the-mckinney-vento-act/>.

#### ****Supporting the education of unaccompanied students experiencing homelesness****

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MST **Register:**<https://uncg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6HrYo258RGexj-dQApbnjg>

**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/>

