

COLORADO

Department of Education

McKinney-Vento Updates - August 2023

McKinney-Vento Back-to-School Webinar

Please register for the <u>McKinney-Vento Back-to-School Webinar</u> hosted by the Colorado Department of Education on **August 24, 2023 from 2-4pm.** We will be joined on the webinar by CDE consultant, Cathy Ebel, the CDE School Nutrition Office, and a panel of McKinney-Vento Liaisons from across the state. The webinar will be recorded and posted to the website for future reference.

Highly Mobile Youth Professionals Peer-to-Peer Call

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the August 10, 2023, Peer-to-Peer Call which provided the opportunity to discuss back-to-school season with your peers. As we start planning for the 2023-24 Peer-to-Peer calls, please take a moment to <u>complete a brief survey</u> on the monthly schedule and the planned topics for the year. A new calendar invitation will be set up based on your responses to the survey so please get those responses in by Friday, August 25th!

New Monitoring Information

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has updated the McKinney-Vento website to include a <u>Monitoring & Compliance</u> webpage. On this webpage, both grantee and non-grantee districts will find information on when to expect monitoring, as well as links to self-assessment and monitoring preparation documents. Please take a moment to review these materials.

To support you in determining how your role as the McKinney-Vento District Liaison can support in district compliance under the Title IX of Every Student Succeeds Act, please consider taking a <u>10 Local Liaison Duties Survey</u> to help us at the state level in providing meaningful professional development throughout the 2023 – 24 school year.

Imagination Library

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) had the pleasure of connecting with Laura Douglas, the Director of Operations from Imagination Library of Colorado. Some of you may be familiar with <u>Dolly Parton's Imagination Library - Colorado</u> which works to put books in the hands of young children. She is interested in connecting with McKinney-Vento District Liaisons to discuss ways to deliver books to you to serve the McKinney-Vento students in your district. If you are interested in connecting with the program, free of charge, please reach out to Laura to get set up. laura@imaginationlibrarycolorado.org

New Liaisons

If you are a new to the role of McKinney-Vento District Liaison, please complete the following <u>Google form</u> to update our District Liaison List posted to the Colorado Department of Education(CDE) website. After completing the form, you will receive communication from CDE with additional details on your new role. In the meantime, please consider registering for the <u>New Liaison Webinar</u> on September 14th from 2:00 - 4pm.

U.S. Department of Education

At the end of September, a personalized URL link to an online data submission instrument will be sent via email to each McKinney-Vento District Liaison. **This is a mandatory report required by the U.S. Department of Education.** Please contact me if you do not receive your link by September 30, 2023. <u>The due date for this report will be Friday, November 10, 2023</u>.

Supporting Universal Pre-school Registration for Highly Mobile Youth

Who is eligible for Universal Pre-K (UPK) Colorado?

- All children in the year before they are eligible for kindergarten (usually 4-year-olds) can receive up to 15 hours of free preschool each week during the school year.
- 4-year-olds with qualifying factors are eligible for 15 more hours, pending available funding, for a total of 30 hours.
- 3-year-olds with qualifying factors are eligible for 10 free hours of preschool each week during the school year.

Qualifying Factors Include:

- Low-income
- Dual language learner the native language spoken in the child's home is a language other than English, or the child's native language is not English.
- Child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Child who is currently in a foster care home or in non-certified kinship care
- Child who is homeless (including children who are
- migratory)

Local Coordinating organizations – that help coordinate Universal Pre-k in each region of Colorado.

https://cdec.colorado.gov/coloradouniversal-preschool/find-my-lco

Download flyers in English and Spanish for your region here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1 j3Uh1hKam7rMiBZdpdZm7OEfJ7OSxqsT? usp=drive_link