

# COLORADO Department of Education

# McKinney-Vento Updates - September 2023

## McKinney-Vento New Liaison Webinar

If you are new to your role as the McKinney-Vento District liaison and you would like the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the responsibilities of the liaison under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, please register for the McKinney-Vento New Liaison Webinar, Thursday, September 14, 2023 from 2:00 – 4pm. Following the webinar participants should be able to:

- Explain the criteria for a student to be considered a homeless child or youth (HCY) under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (MV)
- Explain the responsibilities of a local educational agency (LEA) homeless liaison
- Identify the basic rights of students experiencing homelessness and LEA responsibilities for ensuring those rights.

### Highly Mobile Youth Professionals Peer-to-Peer Call – NEW SCHEDULE

We are excited to kick off the 2023-24 school year with a new schedule for the monthly peer-to-peer conversations. Please join us on the second Tuesday of the month beginning October 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am -12:30pm to: engage in conversation about highly mobile youth populations; share resources, practices, and idea across districts; and deepen understanding and reflect on special topics related to McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Foster Care Education, and the Migrant Education Program.

A calendar invitation was sent out on September 6th. If you have not received that meeting invitation and you would like to be added please complete this form.

#### **REQUIRED U.S. Department of Education McKinney-Vento Report**

At the end of September, a personalized URL link to an online data submission instrument, Qualtrics, 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 October 2, 2023. The due date for this report is Friday, November 10, 2023.

#### **Back to School Resources**

Thank you for attending the Back-to-School Webinar hosted by the Colorado Department of Education on August 24, 2023. An extra special thanks to our facilitator, Cathy Ebel, our presenters from CDE's School Nutrition Office and our Liaison Panelists! If you were not able to attend please take the time to review the slides and listen to the recording. These materials will be available on CDE's McKinney-Vento Trainings webpage for future reference as well.

#### **Recording Link:**

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/xugKgzvIIORmpJt1t9edKzrFhwiuTbcggbJgSNBk8Yva jje7 RBiRI fguHmxOhM.4ASQavYxMcm04aWb

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Please also review the following resources to help support students during back-toschool time:

- Awareness and Training Resources •
- A federal brief on the role of the liaison;
- A "Determining Eligibility" document that is highly recommended. It provides insights on how to assess McKinney eligibility;
- Frequently Asked Questions of McKinney-Vento;
- Tips for Teachers & Staff: How to Support Students Experiencing Homelessness

**Questions? Please Contact:** 

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