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**Whether you are helping families through COVID and wildfires or tackling your own personal journey, please know that you are in my daily thoughts. We are all experiencing life’s circumstances in different ways. We must remember to take care of ourselves. Reach out with any questions, concerns, or requests.**

**McKinney-Vento- October 2020**

**Important!!**

Survey links have been emailed to all McKinney-Vento Liaisons to complete the 2019-2020 **U.S. Department of Education Survey**. As a reminder, (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 13th**. 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.

**A Few Reminders**

* 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

* **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](https://www.1800runaway.org/nrpm/). In collaboration with DOLA, a Proclamation and sample calendar of events is attached to the October 2020 E-Communication.

**Seeking Applicants- Homeless Education State Advisory Board**

The Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program within Colorado Department of Education is seeking members for the Homeless Education State Advisory Board. Intentionality and effort during the recruitment process will

focus on diversity, inclusion, and youth voice. The Homeless Education State Advisory Board will consist of McKinney-Vento Liaisons, current and/or past EHCY subgrantees, state agencies, service providers, non-profit entities, parents, and youth with lived experience. The application and relevant information is attached to the email for October 2020 E-Communication.

**Updates to McKinney-Vento Webpages**

Are you looking for something and can’t find it- let us know! We are always

looking for ways to improve the [MKV webpage](https://www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutprevention/homeless_index) to ensure it is a helpful resource

to your work. We have updated the page with current

[wildfire information](https://www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutprevention/homeless_resources), [trainings](https://www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutprevention/trainingmaterialsformckinney-vento-0), resources, and [Templates/Samples](https://www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutprevention/homeless_liaisons).

 

### ****USDA extends Summer Food Service Program flexibilities through June 30, 2021****

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced it will extend the flexibilities to allow free meals to continue to be available to all children throughout the entire 2020-21 school year. These program flexibilities allow school nutrition sponsors to operate a meal service model that best meets their community’s unique needs, while keeping kids and staff safe.

USDA is extending [waivers](https://state.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bee6c43ae6102530cf98cadf9&id=bc20b05b9a&e=e33176615f) through June 30, 2021, that:

* Allow Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meals to be served in all areas and at no cost to families;
* Permit meals to be served outside of the typically required group settings and meal times;
* Waive meal pattern requirements, as necessary; and
* Allow parents and guardians to pick up meals for their children.

**Free Trainings provided by NCHE-** <https://nche.ed.gov/group-training/>

**SUPPORTING THE EDUCATION OF UNACCOMPANIED STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**

Thursday, October 29, 2020 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MT

**Register:**<https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e8a9c5b8f7558203ae80d3c3dc5c8de05>
**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/>.

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

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MT

**Register:**<https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e991ae36cca4b22aece48fbbceb9ad93a>
**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/>.

**MCKINNEY-VENTO SCHOOL SELECTION RIGHTS**

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MT

**Register:**<https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e9c29d0027120193ed42863dafe82a0a3>
**Description:** In this interactive NCHE webinar, presenters will review important changes related to school selection for homeless children and youth under the McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Presenters will cover:

* McKinney-Vento basics and context
* The McKinney-Vento Act’s definition of school of originoMcKinney-Vento provisions related to determining the best interest of a student in terms of school selection (local school or school of origin)
* The provision of school-of-origin transportation to currently homeless students and formerly homeless students who have become permanently housed
* McKinney-Vento provisions related to dispute resolution, including disputes about school enrollment and selection

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-school-selection-rights/>.

**MCKINNEY-VENTO 101: UNDERSTANDING THE RIGHTS OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**

Thursday, November 19, 2020 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MT

**Register:**<https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e80a5a42c5b9b500e0a82667b085afc10>
**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-understanding-the-rights-of-students-experiencing-homelessness/>.