

McKinney-Vento-November 2021

November is Homeless Youth Awareness Month

November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, a public awareness opportunity to "shine a light" on the experiences of homeless youth that too often remain invisible. Governor Polis signed the following <u>proclamation</u> recognizing November as Homeless Youth Awareness Month. Please consider sharing the proclamation with partners to raise awareness locally. In addition, Youth MOVE created a <u>toolkit</u> with upcoming events throughout the month.

Formula Funding Available to Support McKinney Students

The U.S. Department of Education under section 2001(b)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is providing additional funding to help support school districts in serving students experiencing homelessness. The purposes of this funding include increasing the identification of homeless children and youth, providing wraparound services considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and providing assistance needed to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities.

Applications must be completed and submitted through the <u>online application</u>. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until **Wednesday**, **December 1, 2021**, by 11:59 p.m. Please see complete details on the <u>McKinney-Vento Website</u> as well as the <u>recording</u> from the October 21st informational webinar.

Important Reminder

Please check your inbox and spam folder for your district's individualized link and instructions to complete the 2020-21 **U.S. Department of Education Survey**. Surveys must be completed by all districts by **November 12**th. Even if your district did not identify students experiencing homelessness during the 2020-21 school year, the survey must be completed and submitted per federal requirements.

Upcoming

Highly Mobile Peer to Peer conversations will be returning! Please mark your calendars for the first Thursday of the month, beginning December 2 from 11:30am -12:30pm. December topics will be Unaccompanied Homeless Youth and preparing for winter break. Join the call here.

National Center for Homeless Education

Paving the Way to College for Students Experiencing Homelessness

Monday, November 22, 2021, 2:00PM - 3:00PM ET

Register: https://uncg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SnSZcRgTTgS4RYnQfRRnbQ.

Pre-recorded training is also available through NCHE using the following link.



You and your work matters!

Please reach out if I can offer any guidance or support as you navigate services and continue to advocate for children and youth experiencing homelessness.

If you are interested in a regional training for your region, please email me with your request, topics most in need of training, and preference for virtual or in person training.

Has there been a change within your school district for the McKinney-Vento Liaison?

If so, please email the updated contact information including, School District, Liaison Name, email, phone number

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