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**McKinney-Vento Updates - November 2024**

**November is Homeless Youth Awareness & Action Month**November 1st marked the start of Homeless Youth Awareness and Action Month bringing attention to the important issue of youth homelessness across the state and the nation.  In Colorado alone, nearly 18,000 students lived in shelters, stayed with family or friends, or slept without a roof over their heads during the 2022-23 school year.

Governor Polis is joining in the effort with the signing of a [proclamation](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1W4-VcsO_WA81N-zi_KfM0NV8OcwM7MWQ%2Fview&data=05%7C02%7CGumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7C261322a9ee2f4fd3318008dcfa8679bb%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638660702713700286%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Bhm%2F0mor%2FyThk8JtHYfbL%2BWWt82GuFaisbU5EEQmLLA%3D&reserved=0) naming November as Homeless Youth Awareness and Action Month. Also, YouthMove Colorado assembled the following [toolkit](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F19-YHwmFqBoLylcIlppPDArEI8SrcX1Rp%2Fview&data=05%7C02%7CGumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7C261322a9ee2f4fd3318008dcfa8679bb%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638660702713730156%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1FLZ37dBYP9bQ40yA5tUvj22r7Rq4%2BNIL6ZTTpd3Mq0%3D&reserved=0) on ways to get involved. If you are interested in showing your support in another way, please consider joining CDE’s Office of Student Support in **wearing green on November 12th** and posting a photo of you, your colleagues, your families, and friends wearing green to social media with the hashtags: #YouthHOPE, #COyouthhomelessawareness, #YMCO to help bring awareness to the important issue of youth homelessness in Colorado.

**Highly Mobile Youth Professionals Peer-to-Peer Call**Please join us on Tuesday, November 12th from 11:30am -12:30pm to hear from Poudre School District about innovative district wide approaches to inclusivity and equitable grading practices. To attend tomorrow’s call and receive calendar invitations for future offerings please use the following link to register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtc-Cpqz4jE9SAD-WnwoQ6xzL-67aVyIr_>

December 10th’s topic will be Recognizing Unconscious Bias with facilitator, Kelly Mitchell.

**Resources for New Liaisons**

Please see the following [slides](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1_BNXCWFknusxn5oXsWiNp0xsUvYDLeMi/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=110991300746159483999&rtpof=true&sd=true) presented by Colorado Department of Education contractor, Cathy Ebel at the October 24, 2024 New Liaison Webinar. We also received a presentation from [FosterEd and EmpowerEd partners](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cGsMj7kMZhlnNQHuNfsxWOgvRrlyTZsV/view?usp=sharing) at the Colorado Department of Higher Education. If you are a new liaison, please set aside some time to listen to the recording available [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16B0PAVoCZcEY9BZv29XUYOgE0tpQ9EUK/view?usp=sharing). If you have immediate questions about your new role please reach out directly to Cathy Ebel, [cathyebel65@gmail.com](mailto:cathyebel65@gmail.com).

**National Center for Homeless Education’s New Contractor**As of October 1, 2024, NCHE is managed by Team Safal: Safal Partners, ICF, and Pearl Strategies. Your new NCHE team has **deep expertise** in the educational needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness, relevant policies, and research, and established connections in this field. The SERVE Center’s contract to operate the National TA Center for Homeless Education on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education ended on September 30, 2024.

For inquiries to the national TA center, please contact the U.S. Department of Education’s program office at [HomelessEd@ed.gov](mailto:HomelessEd@ed.gov).

Resources, including recorded trainings are still available on the website <https://nche.ed.gov/resources/>.

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