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McKinney-Vento Educating Children and Youth

Pandemic Homeless Education Updates

What is going on right now with the pandemic is a major concern, but what is going to happen when things get back to "normal" will be a bigger concern.

Homeless advocates warn the coronavirus pandemic could lead to a rise in housing instability for families and students. Many families are temporarily protected from eviction and have deferred utility bills. Once eviction and utility moratoriums lift and schools reopen, many more children and youths may become eligible for McKinney-Vento assistance designed to help homeless students, *as long as those students are identified.*



Are McKinney-Vento posters displayed in your school office and in other prominent areas around your schools where they can be seen by parents? If you need posters for the new school year, <u>please let me know how many you need</u>. I will order them and deliver them to you when schools reopen.

Does the family who was not homeless, and is now becoming homeless, even know they are and who to contact? In a recent newsletter I sent you a flyer with McKinney-Vento definitions and a place to add your Liaison Contact information. For your convenience, I will also attach it to this newsletter. Please add your contact information to the flyer and make it available to your school offices so that parents can have access to them.

Avoid using the word "homeless" when talking to families. Use terms such as displaced, temporarily living arrangement, in transition, or in-between housing.

Do enrollment staff and other key school personnel know how to identify homeless students and to provide the necessary required services? Do they need additional training? The National Center for Homeless Education is offering webinars that you can use for trainings or to make them available to school staff.

National Center for Homeless Education - Training Webinars

May 2020 Webinars:

Understanding Doubled Up Thursday, May 21, 2020 | 11:00am-12:00pm PT

McKinney-Vento 101: Understanding The Rights Of Students Experiencing Homelessness Wednesday, May 27, 2020 | 11:00am-12:00pm PT



National Center for Homeless Education - Training Webinars

June 2020 Webinars:

Understanding Doubled Up Wednesday, June 3, 2020 | 11:00am-12:00pm PT

Supporting The Education Of Unaccompanied Students Experiencing Homelessness Thursday, June 18, 2020 | 11:00am-12:00pm PT

Determining Eligibility For McKinney-Vento Rights And Services Monday, June 29, 2020 | 11:00am-12:00pm PT

July 2020 Webinars:

McKinney-Vento School Selection Rights Tuesday, July 14, 2020 | 11:00am-12:00pm PT

McKinney-Vento 101: Understanding The Rights Of Students Experiencing Homelessness Thursday, July 23, 2020 | 11:00am-12:00pm PT

Paving The Way To College For Students Experiencing Homelessness Wednesday, July 29, 2020 | 11:00am-12:00pm PT

Visit <u>https://nche.ed.gov/group-training/</u> for complete webinar descriptions and to register for any of the below sessions – NOTE: All times were changed from the original notification to Pacific Standard Time.

California Department of Education Updates

Attached are past resources from the California Department of Education and the latest news and updates, including:

- Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT) information and flyers. The Spanish parent flyer is now available. I am attaching both the English and Spanish flyers for copying and distribution to your district's families.
- New LCAP information.
- New Federal Resources.



We appreciate all you do for our homeless students!

Please contact me if you need any additional resources or assistance.

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