



“10 in 10” Orientation Tutorial for New State Coordinators

Module 10: Resources and
Assistance



10 10-Minute Modules to Orient You to Your New Position



About the “10 in 10” Module Series



NCHE’s “10 in10” module series for new State Coordinators for homeless education

- ❑ Provides 10 short modules that cover essential topics to orient you to your new position;
- ❑ Is based on information in NCHE’s more comprehensive *State Coordinators’ Handbook* available for download at http://center.serve.org/nche/pr/sc_hb_2010.php;
- ❑ Includes links to additional resources; and
- ❑ Includes Questions to Consider and a Wrap Up to reinforce key points and help you develop your work plan.



Module 10: Overview



New State Coordinators will learn about

- ❑ Services and resources from the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE),
- ❑ Resources from the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY), and
- ❑ Ways to get connected to other State Coordinators for information and support.



When You Need Help



As a new State Coordinator, you may find yourself in situations in which you need assistance with

- ❑ Finding information,
- ❑ Understanding the law,
- ❑ Responding to questions from the field,
- ❑ Identifying good practices, or
- ❑ Planning your program.





National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)



Your first call should be to NCHE, which

- ❑ Operates the U.S. Department of Education's technical assistance center for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program;
- ❑ Provides support for State Coordinators, local liaisons, service providers, parents, and students experiencing homelessness;
- ❑ Participates in national discussions and initiatives; and
- ❑ Has over 15 years of experience providing support to the field.



NCHE Awareness Resources



- ❑ Educational Rights Posters (English and Spanish)
 - http://center.serve.org/nche/pr/er_poster.php
- ❑ Awareness Materials in the *Resources by Topic* section of the website
 - http://center.serve.org/nche/ibt/aw_homeless_ed.php (Homeless Education Awareness)
 - Briefs, videos, links to other organizations





NCHE Training Resources



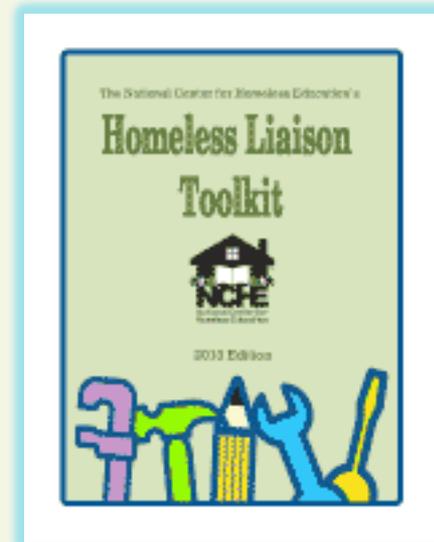
- ❑ Briefs <http://center.serve.org/nche/pr/briefs.php>
 - *Law into Practice* series (Enrollment, Transportation, etc.)
 - *Best Practices in Homeless Education* series (Determining Eligibility, School Selection, etc.)
- ❑ Webinars
<http://center.serve.org/nche/web/group.php>
 - Approximately 4 per month
 - McKinney-Vento basics and special topics (school meals, housing, human trafficking, etc.)
- ❑ Online Tutorials
http://center.serve.org/nche/web/s_p.php



NCHE *Homeless Liaison Toolkit*



- *Homeless Liaison Toolkit*, 2013 Edition
http://center.serve.org/nche/pr/liaison_toolkit.php
- 17 chapters that provide requirements and good practices on topics including
 - Enrollment
 - School selection
 - Transportation
 - Disputes
 - Collaboration
 - Unaccompanied homeless youth
 - Working with parents





Questions to Consider



1. How could you integrate NCHE's *Homeless Liaison Toolkit* with the technical assistance you provide to local liaisons in your state?
2. What chapters of the toolkit are of particular relevance to your local liaisons and LEAs?



Sample Forms and Materials



- Included as part of the *Resources by Topic* section on the NCHE website
<http://center.serve.org/nche/ibt/ibt.php>
- Residency forms for enrollment
- Transportation agreements
- Written notice for disputes
- Awareness materials (posters in different languages)
- Caregiver forms



Customized Technical Assistance



- ❑ Helpline (800-308-2145, homeless@serve.org)
- ❑ NCHE staff assists with
 - Explaining the McKinney-Vento Act
 - Processing scenarios with local liaisons and State Coordinators
 - Thinking through program implementation challenges
 - Learning about good practices





NCHE Services to Help You Keep Up To Date



- ❑ Email distribution list for State Coordinators
- ❑ Two annual State Coordinator meetings
 - Spring, in the Washington, DC area
 - Fall, at the annual NAEHCY conference
- ❑ Listserv posts including federal updates and upcoming events; join the listserv:
<http://center.serve.org/nche/listserv.php>
- ❑ Weekly website updates with new reports and memos; the homepage features announcements



Targeted Technical Assistance Specifically for State Coordinators



- ❑ Experienced NCHE staff members provide phone or on-site technical assistance at no cost.
- ❑ Assistance targets specific challenges you face in your state.
- ❑ Staff assists with identifying needs and selecting strategies.
- ❑ Staff provides follow up assistance as needed.
- ❑ Request assistance by contacting NCHE at 800-308-2145 or homeless@serve.org.



Questions to Consider



1. What are your biggest challenges as a new State Coordinator?
2. In what ways could NCHE's targeted technical assistance initiative for State Coordinators benefit you?



National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY)



- ❑ National membership organization
- ❑ Focuses on legislative and policy advocacy
- ❑ Convenes committees on preschool services for homeless children and increasing access to higher education for homeless youth
- ❑ Develops publications
- ❑ Hosts an annual conference
- ❑ Website: www.naehcy.org



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH



NAEHCY Annual Conference



- ❑ Only national conference that focuses specifically on the education of homeless children and youth: pre-k, K-12, and higher education
- ❑ Over 1,000 attendees
- ❑ 8 preconferences that provide in-depth focus on critical issues
- ❑ Over 80 peer reviewed breakout sessions
- ❑ Networking opportunities





Ways to Get Connected



State Coordinators can be important sources of information and support for each other. Connect by

- ❑ Attending NCHE-sponsored annual State Coordinator meetings;
- ❑ Attending the NAEHCY conference;
- ❑ Participating in quarterly regional conference calls hosted by NCHE – NCHE sends invitations to all State Coordinators;
- ❑ Participating in an informal State Coordinator mentoring program arranged by NCHE, and
- ❑ Contacting your fellow State Coordinators for advice and assistance:

http://center.serve.org/nche/states/state_resources.php



Wrap Up



Upon completing Module 10, new State Coordinators should be able to answer the following questions:

1. What is NCHE?
2. What are three services provided by NCHE?
3. What are at least three topics covered in NCHE's *Homeless Liaison Toolkit*?
4. What is NCHE's targeted technical assistance initiative?
5. What are three activities conducted by NAEHCY?
6. What are two ways State Coordinators can connect with their peers?