STATE HOMELESS EDUCATION COORDINATORS’ MEETING

February 20, 2019

U.S. Department of Education
ABOUT SCHOOLHOUSE CONNECTION

Our mission: To overcome homelessness through education.

- Federal and state policy advocacy
- Direct assistance to practitioners
- Fee-for-service activities
- Searchable Q&A from our inbox
- Webinars and implementation tools (some in Spanish)
- Youth leadership and scholarships
- Guest perspectives
- E-newsletter
- Social media (FB/Twitter)

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YOUR SCHOOLHOUSE CONNECTION TEAM

- Barbara Duffield, Executive Director
- Patricia Julianelle, Director of Program Advancement and Legal Affairs
- Katie Brown, Education Leads Home Campaign Program Manager
- Leconte Lee, Communications Manager
- Jillian Sitjar, Higher Education Program Manager
- Grace Whitney, Director of Early Childhood Initiatives
- *Two new team members coming soon*
FEDERAL POLICY ADVOCACY

2018 Highlights:
● EHCY funding increase of 10%
● Disaster funding - $25 million
● Perkins Career & Technical Education reauthorization provisions
● Opioid legislation provisions

2019 Priorities:
● Funding for programs for children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness
● Higher Education Act reauthorization
● HUD homeless assistance reform
# Federal Funding for Programs for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness

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<th>Program</th>
<th>FY2017</th>
<th>FY2018</th>
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<th>% Change Since 2017</th>
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<td>The McKinney-Vento Act’s Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program</td>
<td>$77 million</td>
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<td>Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Programs</td>
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<td>HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Programs</td>
<td>$43 million</td>
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<td>HUD Homeless Assistance Grants</td>
<td>$2.383 billion</td>
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<td>U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness</td>
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* The agency received a two-year extension of its authorization (until October 1, 2020).  
* The agency received a ten-year extension of its authorization (until October 1, 2028).
HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS AND SUCCESS FOR HOMELESS AND FOSTER YOUTH (HEASFHY)

- Legislation will be **re-introduced in March 2019**.
- **Sponsors:** U.S. Senators Patty Murray (D-WA) and Rob Portman (R-OH) in the Senate, and U.S. Representatives Katherine Clark (D-5th/MA) and Don Young (R-At Large/AK) in the House of Representatives.
- Removes barriers and increases support:
  - Easing the verification and determination process for financial aid.
  - Developing a plan to access housing options during academic breaks.
  - Designating a higher education liaison to assist homeless and foster youth to access and complete higher education.
HUD HOMELESS ASSISTANCE REFORM: THE HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACT (HCYA)

- Sponsors: U.S. Representatives Steve Stivers (R-OH)/Dave Loebsack (D-IA); U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)/Rob Portman (R-OH).

- Last year: Congressional hearing; passed out of committee with bipartisan vote.

- Legislation will be re-introduced in Spring 2019.

- Overall purpose: Allow communities to use federal HUD homeless assistance funding to meet the unique needs of children, youth, and families.
  - Aligns HUD’s definition of homelessness with other agencies.
  - Prohibits HUD from overriding local priorities.

"We, as communities and a nation are working to serve the most vulnerable, when addressing homelessness. To truly accomplish this, we must stop excluding children and youth from the conversations and allow them to have equal access to the current housing assistance and services. The Homeless Children and Youth Act does just this."

- Kat Liley, Deputy Executive Director, Family Promise of Colorado Springs
Building Teams for Change:

Changing State Policy to Change Lives

Rooted in the realities of local communities, representing locally-devised solutions.
STATE POLICY ADVOCACY

- Advancing state policies in partnership with youth and state/local stakeholders...
- Including State Coordinators!
STATE POLICY ADVOCACY

● Co-leading advocacy on **12 bills in 7 states** (IN, KY, ME, NV, TN, TX, UT).
● Supporting advocates on bills in **4 additional states** (AZ, CA, MD, WA).
● Anticipate additional bills filed in LA, MO, NJ, and NC.
● Working with MO state child care agency to revise policies and improve access to child care subsidies for families experiencing homelessness.
STATE POLICY ADVOCACY

- **Bill topics include:**
  - Promoting high school graduation (partial credits, alternative diplomas).
  - Promoting higher education completion (liaisons, housing, tuition waiver).
  - Empowering unaccompanied homeless youth to consent for health care, mental health care, and housing.
  - Empowering unaccompanied homeless youth to access their own birth certificates, photo IDs, and driver’s licenses at no cost.
  - Providing a tax credit for employing youth experiencing homelessness.

- **Tools and information on our website:**
  - State Advocacy Training webinars
  - Guide to State Laws to Support Youth Experiencing Homelessness
  - Progress Updates

https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/policy-advocacy/state-policy/
1. Young children will participate in quality early childhood programs at the same rate as their housed peers by 2026.
2. High school students will reach a 90 percent graduation rate by 2030.
3. Postsecondary students will reach a 60 percent attainment rate by 2034.
EDUCATION LEADS HOME: KEY 2019 ACTIVITIES

- State Snapshots and 26 State Graduation Rate Summary
- **State Partnerships Project:**
  - “Learning lab” to implement and replicate best practices
- 2019 activities will focus on improving identification and reducing chronic absenteeism
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey:
  - Published analysis from 17 states;
  - Further analyses on race and type of homeless situation forthcoming
- “Bright Spot” analysis by Civic and Building Changes

www.educationleadsatwork.org
HIGHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

- **Technical assistance** to strengthen capacity and highlight best practices:
  - Transition to postsecondary
  - Financial aid
  - Higher education liaisons
  - Housing and campus supports
  - Student self-advocacy
  - Parenting students

- Tip sheets, webinars, guest perspectives, trainings
- Partnerships: NASPA, NCAN, NASFAA, Hope Center (#RealCollege), HECMA
- Focused work in California and soon North Carolina

- To date: 75 phone interviews from 24 states
EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVES

- **Technical assistance** to strengthen capacity and highlight best practices:
  - Head Start/Early Head Start, child care, & Pre-K
  - Home visiting & early intervention
  - Infant/early childhood mental health & parenting supports

- Partnering with **NC Division of Child Development and Early Education & Salvation Army** to enhance outreach to families

- **Monthly learning community** with Head Start Collaboration Offices and representatives of OHS/CCDF National Centers, Regional Offices, key partners

- Publications, training, webinars, tools, tip sheets, guest perspectives

- **National Partners:** ACF, NHSA, Zero to Three, Child Care Aware of America

UPCOMING WEBINAR

**Head Start 101 for McKinney-Vento Liaisons and Homeless Service Providers**

Wednesday, February 6
2:00 - 3:15PM EST

REGISTER TODAY!

CHILDPFOOFING CHECKLIST

For Housing and Homeless Service Providers
YOUTH LEADERSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Awarded **first ten scholarships** last year; **eleven scholarships this year**.

- Young leaders have spoken:
  - At Congressional briefings
  - With ED officials
  - At state and national conferences
  - On SHC webinars
SHC COMMUNICATIONS

Website:

- Resources
  - Early Childhood
  - PreK-12
  - Higher Education
  - Unaccompanied Youth
  - Housing
- Questions from our Inboxes
- Guest Perspectives
- Research Posts

Number of Students Experiencing Homelessness Reaches All-Time High; Growth in Numbers of Unaccompanied Youth Most Marked
SHC COMMUNICATIONS

Webinars:

- Topics include:
  - Head Start 101
  - ESSA & Foster Care
  - Special Education and Homelessness
  - Learning from Higher Education Liaisons
  - Federal Policy Update
  - FAFSA
E-Newsletter:

- Federal & State Policy
- New Research
- New Resources
- Highlight Innovative Practices and Programs

Welcome to SchoolHouse Connection! This week, we're sharing new resources on youth homelessness and higher education.

- [New] Fact Sheet: Youth Homelessness and Higher Education
- [New] Tip Sheet: Supporting Parenting Students in College
- [Updated] Tip Sheets: Helping Homeless Youth Succeed in College
- [Guest Perspective] Homelessness Has No Place Here
- 5 Guides to Help Homeless College Students in California

New Report: State Laws to Support Youth Experiencing Homelessness

SchoolHouse Connection is pleased to announce the publication of “State Laws to Support Youth Experiencing Homelessness.” This guide provides state-specific information and model statutes on four categories of state laws that support youth experiencing homelessness:

1. Laws allowing unaccompanied homeless minors to consent for housing and shelter services;
2. Laws empowering unaccompanied minors to consent for routine medical care;
3. Laws that mitigate the effects of mobility to help students experiencing homelessness graduate from high school; and
4. Laws supporting students experiencing homelessness in higher education.

Contact us to share information about laws in your state.

Read the Report
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Social Media:
- Facebook
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- Facebook Group

Creativity at work! Check out what a District Homeless Liaison in Florida did to get students experiencing homelessness excited about going to college.

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Want to Help Students Experiencing Homelessness Go to College? Take Them There.

KYLEE FUHR, DISTRICT HOMELESS LIAISON, ST. LUCIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FLORIDA

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2,577 People Reached
290 Engagements

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Are you a McKinney-Vento liaison? If so, this checklist is for you! https://buff.ly/2E2cTUA pic.twitter.com/ugZD1J122D

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Missed our latest webinar on "Serving Native American Students Experiencing Homelessness: Cultural Competency and Practical Strategies"? Watch it here + download the #powerpoint. https://buff.ly/2EvqN5C pic.twitter.com/gve9t9IEXW

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Powerful, information-filled, concise, and easy-to-understand video on students experiencing homelessness. There’s still so much more work to be done for these students. @PBS https://buff.ly/2GLuzo6 pic.twitter.com/6s7lczayOY
Bipartisan bill would help homeless children and youth

By Elizabeth De Dmitrieva and Olga Balsalobre, Opinion Contributors - 12/22/22 06 AM EST
THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY CONTRIBUTIONS AND THEIR OWN AND NOT THE VIEW OF THE HILL

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Traditional Media:
- Relationship with reporters

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- Produce briefs, research, resources, analyses, and reports.

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS
AND
HIGHER EDUCATION

AN ANALYSIS OF FAFSA DATA
SPECIAL PARTNERSHIPS AND INITIATIVES

[Image of characters from Sesame Street hugging]

[Logos for NN4Y, ZERO TO THREE, NASPA, ABA, and ACF]
STAY IN TOUCH + LET US KNOW WHAT YOU NEED!

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