



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)



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

Program	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	% Change Since 2017
The McKinney-Vento Act's Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program	\$77 million	\$85 million	\$93.5 million	20.4%
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Programs	\$119 million	\$127.3 million	\$127.3 million	0%
HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Programs	\$43 million	\$80 million	\$80 million	86.0%
HUD Homeless Assistance Grants	\$2.383 billion	\$2.513 billion	\$2.636 billion	10.6%
U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness	\$3.6 million	\$3.6 million * The agency received a two-year extension of its authorization (until October 1, 2020).	\$3.6 million * The agency received a ten-year extension of its authorization (until October 1, 2028).	0%

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."

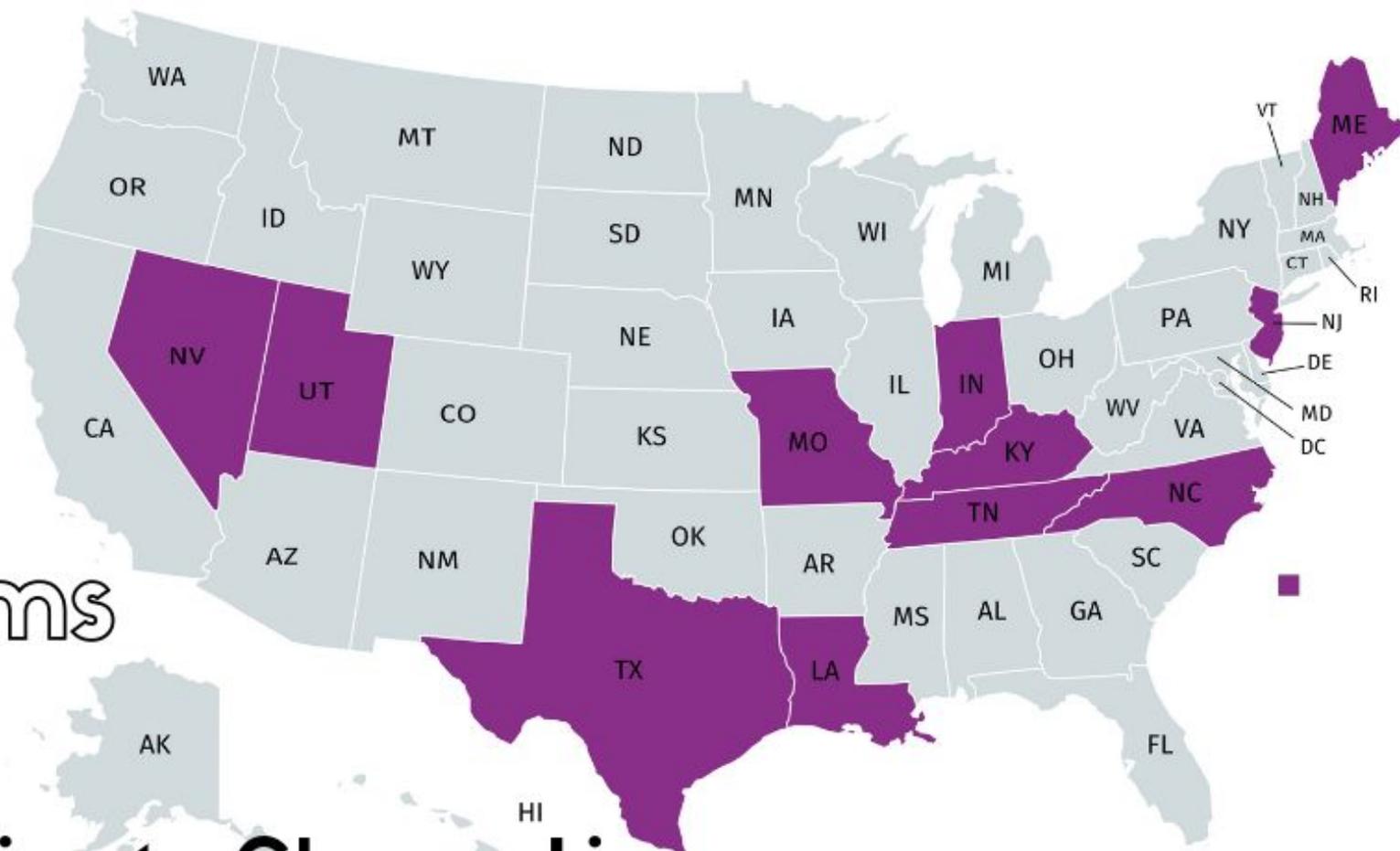
- Kat Lilley, Deputy Executive Director
Family Promise of Colorado Springs



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/>

EDUCATION LEADS HOME: A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

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**

www.educationleadshome.org

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

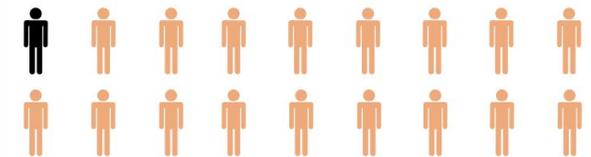
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Survey results show:
4.9% OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS AT SOME POINT DURING THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

For every 17.7 students, 1 student has experienced homelessness



Source: National Center for Education Statistics, https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/sass/tables/sass112_201314_t1s_007.asp
Risk and Resilience: Differences in Risk Factors and Health Outcomes Between Homeless and Non-Homeless Students in 2017 YRBS Data
Read the full paper: <http://bit.ly/SHC-YRBS2018>

HIGHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

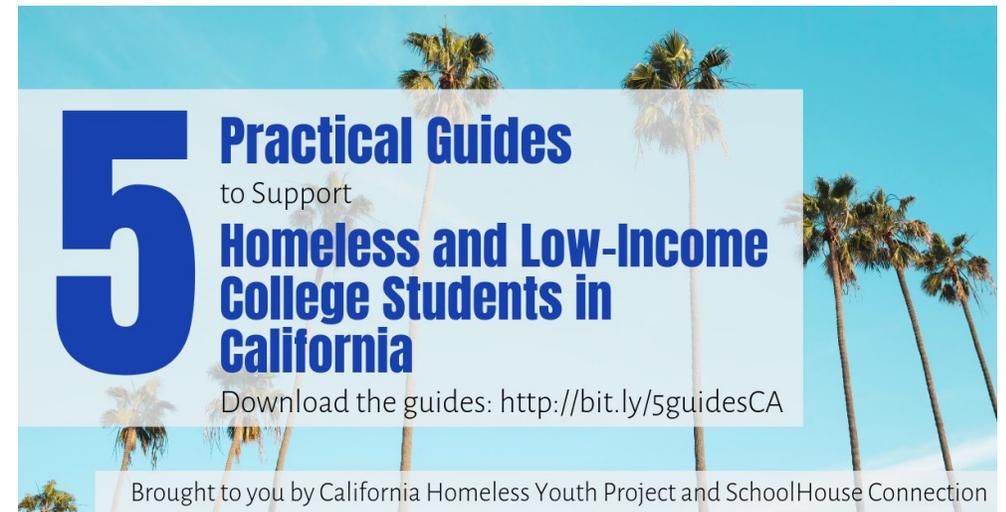
- **Technical assistance** to strengthen capacity and highlight best practices:
 - Transition to postsecondary
 - Financial aid
 - Higher education liaisons
 - Housing and campus supports
 - Student self-advocacy
 - Parenting students
- Tip sheets, webinars, guest perspectives, trainings
- Partnerships: NASPA, NCAN, NASFAA, Hope Center (#RealCollege), HECMA
- Focused work in California and soon North Carolina

▪ **To date: 75 phone interviews from 24 states**



TIPS FOR HELPING HOMELESS YOUTH SUCCEED IN COLLEGE

Download the Tip Sheets: <http://bit.ly/SHC-CollegeTips>



5 Practical Guides
to Support
**Homeless and Low-Income
College Students in
California**

Download the guides: <http://bit.ly/5guidesCA>

Brought to you by California Homeless Youth Project and SchoolHouse Connection

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



 **SCHOOLHOUSE CONNECTION**

UPCOMING WEBINAR

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

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

REGISTER TODAY!



CHILDPROOFING 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





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

[Read the Highlights](#)



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RESOURCES

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Website:

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

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Webinars:

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



We conduct webinars featuring expert national, state, and local presenters on a wide range of topics. Click on the tabs below to find archived webinars by subject area.

Early Childhood	PreK-12	Higher Education	Housing Partnerships	Youth	Policy Advocacy
<p>Head Start 101 for McKinney-Vento Liaisons and Homeless Service Providers Date Recorded: February 6, 2019</p> <p>Learn the basics about Head Start! Head Start's comprehensive service array ensures health, mental health, dental, disability, and quality education for children and a range of supports for families – a true two-generational program. Learn about the unique range of free services Head Start has to offer to families experiencing homelessness, including Head Start center-based preschool for children ages 3 to 5, and Early Head Start home visiting and center-based infant toddler care. Families experiencing homelessness are prioritized for enrollment and many programs have spaces set aside for them. Head Start Family Service staff work closely with liaisons and homeless and housing partners to promote collaboration and stability.</p> <p>Watch the recorded webinar Download the Powerpoint and Handouts</p>					

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E-Newsletter:

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



In case you missed it, here is the latest news, resources, and tools from the world of education and homelessness.

1. The Pitfalls of HUD's PIT Count [[Debunking HUD's Data](#)]
2. Fact Sheet: Youth Homelessness and Higher Education [[Get the Fact Sheet](#)]
3. Early Childhood Homelessness State Profiles [[How did your state do?](#)]
4. Home at Head Start: New National Campaign [[Learn More](#)]
5. Upcoming Webinars: Head Start 101, Learning from Higher Education Liaisons [[Save your Spot](#)]
6. New Year, New Congress: 2019 Legislative Priorities [[#Priorities](#)]
7. Helping Homeless Youth Succeed in College [[Updated Tip Sheets](#)]
8. Failing Mia and Kiley: The Family Homeless Assistance System is Broken [[About the Broken System](#)]
9. Now Available: Sesame Street Storybook [[Order your Copy](#)]
10. Using Chronic Absence Data to Identify and Support Students Experiencing Homelessness [[Guest Perspective](#)]

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](#)

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](#)

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Social Media:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Facebook Group

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Published by Leconte Lee [?] · May 23 · 🌐

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

**WANT TO HELP STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS GO TO COLLEGE? TAKE THEM THERE.**
\\ A Step-by-Step Guide to Creating "McKinney-Vento Opportunity Tours" for High School Seniors.

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

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

2,577 People Reached 290 Engagements [Boost Post](#)

 **SchoolHouseConnect** @SchoolHouseConn
Are you a McKinney-Vento liaison? If so, this checklist is for you! <https://buff.ly/2E2oTUa>
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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/2EcqN5c>
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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>
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Traditional Media:

- Relationship with reporters

Briefs & Reports:

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

THE HILL

Bipartisan bill would help homeless children and youth

BY BARBARA DUFFIELD AND CARA BALDARI, OPINION CONTRIBUTORS — 07/24/18 10:05 AM EDT
THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY CONTRIBUTORS ARE THEIR OWN AND NOT THE VIEW OF THE HILL

265 SHARES

7 COMMENTS

Just In...

- Trump: Venezuelan military personnel backing Maduro are 'risking their future' LATINO — 29S AGO
- Warren set to announce plan for universal child care: reports HEALTHCARE — 28M 15S AGO
- Congress closer to forcing Trump's hand on Saudi support DEFENSE — 46M 45S AGO

Squarespace Website Builder



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS AND HIGHER EDUCATION

AN ANALYSIS OF FAFSA DATA

SchoolHouse Connection
Based on the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) data

RISK AND RESILIENCE: DIFFERENCES IN RISK FACTORS AND HEALTH OUTCOMES BETWEEN HOMELESS AND NON-HOMELESS STUDENTS



Survey results show that 4.9% of students experienced homelessness at some point during the 2016-2017 school year. Public schools reported only 2.57% of their students as experiencing homelessness.

1,000,000 STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS NOT RECEIVING SERVICES

STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WERE*:

5.23X	more likely to miss school due to safety concerns.	4.63X	more likely to misuse prescription pain medicine.
5.03X	more likely to be victims of sexual dating violence.	3.21X	more likely to make a suicide plan.
5.88X	more likely to be victims of physical dating violence.	7.19X	more likely to attempt suicide.

*compared to students not characterized as experiencing homelessness

EFFECTS OF EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS:

- Emotionally debilitating - loses will to seek help
- Pervasive stress leading to mental health adversities
- Easily succumbed to sexual dating violence

“I never worried about my safety because I became worthless to my own eyes.”

“Often, I used [prescription drugs] to combat the results of stress. Helping students find other ways of relieving stress and the effects of stress would help reduce misuse.”

“I felt that it was pointless to talk about the sexual violence I was experiencing because I didn't think I would be able to find the help I needed. I didn't have transportation to see a therapist, and there weren't any in my area that took my insurance. I needed to have a physical exam done following the sexual violence, but didn't think there were any resources in my area that could help me.”

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Policies and practices to improve implementation of the protections and supports provided to homeless children and youth by federal law:

- #1 Identification
- #2 Engagement and participation in school
- #3 Access to mental health services

Policies and practices to address and mitigate highly prevalent risk behaviors:

- #1 Establish a culture of care
- #2 Empower self-advocacy
- #3 Create physical safe spaces

Include homelessness question(s) in state and local YRBS questionnaires!

States and localities can obtain insights into the scope of youth homelessness and establish a baseline for schools to use in improving their efforts to identify and serve students experiencing homelessness.

READ THE ENTIRE PAPER + MORE RECOMMENDATIONS:
<http://bit.ly/SHC-YRBS2018>

SPECIAL PARTNERSHIPS AND INITIATIVES



STAY IN TOUCH + LET US KNOW WHAT YOU NEED!



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