



National Center for Homeless Education

Supporting the Education of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Homeless Education Listserv

The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) operates the U.S. Department of Education's technical assistance and information center for the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program. NCHE is based at The SERVE Center at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG). NCHE hosts this moderated Homeless Education Listserv to allow administrators, educators, advocates, and service providers not affiliated with NCHE to share information and ideas on meeting the educational needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness. NCHE also uses this listserv to communicate with the field. The ideas on this listserv do not necessarily reflect the views of NCHE, The SERVE Center, UNCG, or the U.S. Department of Education. ALL LOBBYING ACTIVITIES ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

Dear colleagues:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education (ED), please find below two important updates.

Timeline for implementation of McKinney-Vento amendments included in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

ED has received many questions about the effective date for the McKinney-Vento amendments included in the Every Student Succeeds Act and resulting new Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program requirements. **ED has determined that these amendments will take effect on October 1, 2016**, with the exception of the removal of "awaiting foster care placement" from the McKinney-Vento definition of *homeless*.

For ESSA-related questions, please email essa.questions@ed.gov. You also may cc: the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) at homeless@serve.org and ED EHCY Program staff members at HomelessEd@ed.gov.

New ED webpage on Department initiatives to support homeless children and youth

Yesterday, ED released publicly a new webpage highlighting Department initiatives related to identifying and supporting students experiencing homelessness from pre-school to post-secondary ages. Webpage topics include:

- The state of homeless students in the United States
- Pre-K-12 education programs and initiatives that specify homeless students for eligibility or priority for services
- Additional federal programs and resources that may support homeless students
- Other federal agencies serving homeless children and youth

Visit <http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/supporting-homeless-students/index.html> to learn more.

Best regards,

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