



Title I and School Support Education for Homeless Children & Youth (EHCY) eBrief

April 2021

EHCY Virtual Office Hours

Thanks to those who have been joining us for virtual office hours! We hope it has been a valuable time to ask questions and learn from each other. We have a few more before the end of the year. All are welcome to join either for a few minutes to ask questions or stay to learn from your colleagues.

Join on your computer: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
Or call in: (608) 620-9781, Conference ID: 877 592 534#

Future Dates:
May 11, 2:00 p.m. May 27, 12:00 p.m. June 8, 9:00 a.m.

As always, you are welcome to reach out to us any time with questions. We would also love your feedback on if virtual office hours are something we should continue next school year!

Upcoming Webinars

May 3, 8:30 a.m. - DPI Quarterly Webinar

Our final quarterly webinar of the school year will focus on the Title I homeless reservation. This reservation is required for all districts. We will provide information on how to determine the reservation amount for the 2021-22 school year. Homeless Liaisons are encouraged to invite their ESEA or Title I Coordinators to join. A panel of school district staff will share how they determined their reservation and how it is used to serve students experiencing homelessness. If you would like to register, please contact DPI staff. Please note, the webinar will be recorded and placed on the [EHCY Trainings page](#).

May 25, 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Time Live Homeless Liaison Chat

June 9, 11:30 a.m. - Final Lunch Time Live of the school year

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth and COVID-19 Vaccines

With age eligibility expanding for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, there have been questions about unaccompanied homeless youth who are interested in vaccinations but do not have a parent or legal guardian to sign permission. Our state does not have a law that allows youth under 18 to be vaccinated without parental consent. McKinney-Vento does protect a student's right to enroll and attend school, so a student cannot be kept out of school if they are not vaccinated.

Protective Plans

We have had several liaisons reach out about county protective plans for students and if students on protective plans are eligible under McKinney-Vento. We know many of you are also the foster care point of contact in your district, so we hope the following will be helpful as you navigate these situations.

Protective plans are intended to be brief placements, used to prevent children being removed from their home for an extended period of time. With protective plans, the child welfare agency technically does not have placement and care responsibility, so it is not considered a foster care, or out-of-home care, placement. Homeless liaisons will need to determine if students in these situations meet the definition of homeless under McKinney-Vento on a case-by-case basis. For example, a child on a protective plan might be eligible under McKinney-Vento if the child is placed with an adult who is doubled up, or if the child is placed into substandard or inadequate housing.

Please note that "awaiting foster care placement" was removed from the definition of homelessness under McKinney-Vento. Please direct any questions about foster care provisions to DPI's Out of Home Care Consultants, [Julie Majerus](#) and [Kyle Peaden](#).
[DPI's Out of Home Care webpage](#)

New Youth Risk Behavior Survey Lessons from SchoolHouse Connection

SchoolHouse Connection released [updated information](#) in April 2021. Wisconsin continues to under-identify students experiencing homelessness in our state. We encourage homeless liaisons to watch our [Identification and Enrollment Webinar](#) and reach out any time with questions.

Higher Education Resources

Homeless Liaisons are required to assist students in transitioning to higher education. In February 2021, our EHCY team partnered with the Wisconsin Technical College System to offer [a webinar](#) on building connections between districts and the Wisconsin Technical Colleges System. Our [DPI website](#) now provides a list of contacts at a majority of the technical colleges to connect youth transitioning into those institutions who may be experiencing homelessness. We encourage liaisons to get to know these contacts and leverage these partnerships to support students experiencing homelessness.

Spending TI Homeless Reservation Funds

Many districts have not yet budgeted or spent the homeless reservation in their Title I, Part A budgets. We encourage homeless liaisons to connect with ESEA coordinators to advocate for how the funds can be used during the remainder of this academic year to support students experiencing homelessness. More information on the use of funds can be found here: https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/homeless/pdf/2020-21_DPI_Title_I_Part_A_Homeless_Reservation_Guidance.pdf.

A PDF of this eBrief is available on the [DPI EHCY Webpage](#)
A Newsletter from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction,
Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent

eBrief Sign-Up

If you know of others who would like to receive this eBrief, please share [this link](#) so they can be added to our mailing list.

New Resources!

[Racial Equity Resources](#)

Sesame Street in Communities has recently released new resources on talking with children about racial justice.

[Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds and Students Experiencing Homelessness](#)

The [American Rescue Plan](#), the most recent COVID-19 relief package, provides specific funding for students experiencing homelessness in K-12 education. At this time, we are waiting for more specific guidance on how this money will be disseminated and what will be allowable.

[Primary Nighttime Residence](#)

Please remember that as you report and track students experiencing homelessness in your district's Student Information System (SIS), the primary nighttime residence should be the nighttime residence at the time of initial identification. Students are often highly mobile, but nighttime residence in the SIS does not need to be updated with each move.

State Coordinator Corner

Karen and Kristine continue to work from home, although we hope to return to the office at least part-time in the near future! Due to the collaborative nature of our work, and needing to be in virtual meetings now, we are more easily reached via email at this time.

We continue to enjoy the monthly Lunch Time Live chats with you all.

The EHCY team is preparing to review the EHCY compliance grants that were due earlier this month.

Resources

[DPI EHCY website](#)
[NCHE](#)
[NAEHY](#)
[SchoolHouse Connection](#)
[McKinney-Vento Act](#)
[McKinney-Vento Non-Regulatory Guidance](#)

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