

## Identification

Nationally and locally in Wisconsin, it is anticipated there will be an increased number of students and families that will experience homelessness because of COVID-19. This school year, identification of students experiencing homelessness will be more important than ever while the pandemic continues. With many districts providing distance learning and online enrollment, liaisons must ensure there are no barriers to enrollment for youth experiencing homelessness. Liaisons must also continue to identify students if they are experiencing homelessness, even if virtual learning is occurring. It is strongly encouraged that homeless liaisons connect with all staff to ensure children and youth are identified.

The following questions may help with identification through the context of COVID-19:

- Have you had an eviction deferred, and when will the eviction moratorium end?
- Have you had rent or utility payments deferred, and when will those payments resume?
- Have you had steady income?
- Do you have a working stove and refrigerator?
- How long have you been where you are staying currently, and how long do you think you will be able to stay there?
- If you couldn't stay in your current living situation, what would you do?

The following resources may be helpful for identification in this context:

- [Identifying Students Experiencing Homelessness During School Building Closures](#)- SchoolHouse Connection
- [Enrollment and Identification of Students Experiencing Homelessness Webinar](#)- hosted by DPI, Fall 2019

## Upcoming Webinars

**August 25, 8:30 a.m.** – Coffee Time Live – The DPI EHCY Team will be continuing the Lunch Time Live Chat Series during the school year. These are times to connect with liaisons and others across the state to share best practices in supporting children and youth experiencing homelessness. The timing of this one will be a coffee chat in the morning instead of a lunchtime chat.

**September 24, 9:00 a.m.** – DPI Webinar on Identification – this will be the first of our quarterly webinars this year.

**September 23, 11:30 a.m.** – Lunch Time Live

**October 5-9** – National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) Conference

## Speaking of NAEHCY....

The 2020 NAEHCY (National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth) conference is being held virtually! This is the only national conference that addresses homeless education and is geared towards homeless liaisons and providers that work with youth experiencing homelessness. Presenters will focus on strategies to address current issues and best practices in homeless education. We highly encourage homeless liaisons to participate if able. Due to COVID-19, the conference will be entirely virtual, which also means the registration fee is significantly lower than prior years. Find more information about the conference on the [2020 NAEHCY Conference website](#).

## Title I Homeless Reservation

As a reminder, the Title I, Part A Homeless Reservation is required beginning this school year. DPI issued a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document regarding this. Please reach out to your district ESEA coordinator to collaborate.

**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.

## SchoolHouse Connection Scholarship Program

Youth who have experienced homelessness can apply for [this scholarship](#) to assist with their post-secondary education plan. Deadline to apply is October 1, 2020.

## New Resources!

### [Youth Connection Student Resources](#)

Resources for students experiencing homelessness, created by youth who experienced homelessness.

### [Awarding and Accepting Partial Credits](#)

SchoolHouse Connection recently released this guidance for LEAs on awarding and receiving partial credits for students experiencing homelessness.

## State Coordinator Corner

Karen and Kristine will continue to work from home through this fall. We are still available to answer any questions, via phone or email, you may have as the school year begins.

We created a new training module that will be available soon!

## Resources

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

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