

Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Communications

September 2023

Welcome to the new school year! Thank you for your dedication to youth experiencing homelessness. The EHCY team at DPI is Kristine Nadolski, the EHCY State Coordinator, and Clara Pfeiffer, EHCY Grants Specialist. We are looking forward to working with all of you this year! We have been at DPI for a long time but we know many of you are new to the homeless liaison role. Please reach out at any time!

We prefer being contacted by email for any situation as we can respond timelier. You can also schedule a phone call with Kristine using this link: [Schedule a meeting with Kristine](#). Clara should be contacted with any budget or monitoring questions.

Kristine

Upcoming Trainings and Connection Opportunities

Save The Date!

November 2-3 EHCY Conference

For the second year, DPI is hosting a virtual conference for homeless liaisons! It is open to all staff, including support staff, administration, and staff directly supporting students experiencing homelessness. The conference will provide in-depth professional development from DPI and national partners, and networking opportunities. Watch for more information and registration soon!

[DPI EHCY Conference Webpage](#)

Lunch Time Live Connections

The DPI EHCY Team will be continuing the Lunch Time Live Chat Series during this 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. Generally, these will happen monthly throughout the year. Here are the first few dates to save:

September 13, 11:30 a.m.

October 17, 11:30 a.m.

Join via Zoom - Meeting ID: 896 1603 6146; Passcode: 202122

<https://widpi.zoom.us/j/89616036146?pwd=d3h6NHhNN1U5M1pBbnZKVDNGUXNoZz09>

National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) Conference

The annual NAEHCY conference will be held in-person and virtually from November 11- 14, 2023! 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. Once again, the conference will have a virtual option, which also means the registration fee is lower than attending in person. Find more information about the conference on the [2023 NAEHCY Conference website](#).

All quarterly webinars, Lunch Time Live dates, and other training opportunities are scheduled for the whole school year and can be viewed here – [DPI EHCY Virtual Events/Trainings Calendar](#).

Family Resource Center Systems Navigators

DPI has used American Rescue Plan-Homeless Children and Youth funds to contract with Family Resource Centers across the state to hire resource navigators to work with students & families experiencing homelessness. These systems navigators can help connect families and students to needed supports throughout their communities.

Here is the list of Family Resource Centers (FRCs) that have contracted resource navigators across the state: Children’s Hospital West, Children’s Hospital North, Family Childcare Resources Northeast Wisconsin, Focus on Community, Lakeland, Bayview Community Center, MCCY, Northwest Family Connections, Western Dairyland

Youth Scholarship Program

Youth who have experienced homelessness can apply for the [SchoolHouse Connection Scholarship Program](#) to assist with their post-secondary education plan.

Deadline to apply is November 24, 2023.

Communication Sign Up

If you know of others who would like to receive communication about supporting students experiencing homelessness, please share [this link](#) so they can be added to our email communications list.

Resources

[DPI EHCY website](#)

[NCHE](#)

[NAEHCY](#)

[SchoolHouse Connection](#)

[McKinney-Vento Act](#)

[McKinney-Vento Non-Regulatory Guidance](#)

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