



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

Back to School 2022

New School Year Tips:

As the school year begins, it is a good time to review district practices to remove barriers and support students experiencing homelessness. All LEAs must identify a homeless liaison. If the homeless liaison has changed, please use the instructions on this page to update the DPI school directory:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/liaisons>.

Homeless liaisons must:

- Contact each family/youth who was in a homeless situation at the end of the 2021-22 school year to determine eligibility based on their current living situation for the 2022-23 school year. Students should not automatically be identified as homeless for the new school year.
- Identify new students enrolling in the district that are eligible for services under McKinney-Vento. The district's enrollment process should include a way for families to self-identify as experiencing homelessness. The homeless liaison must determine eligibility for those who self-identify. The DPI homeless website has many [sample forms](#) to help with the enrollment and identification process.
- Train **all** staff in your district on McKinney-Vento and the process to refer students to the homeless liaison. McKinney-Vento requires all staff to be trained at least annually. It is particularly helpful at the beginning of the year to remind staff of the definition of homelessness and ensure staff know the rights students have under McKinney-Vento. There are many creative ways to ensure this requirement is met.
 - The DPI EHCY webpage has a [short video](#) and a [training module](#) that can be used for staff training.
 - SchoolHouse Connection provides [resources for homeless liaisons](#), including tools to train staff.
- Provide awareness of youth homelessness in your school and community. The National Center for Homeless Education has [free resources](#) available.

Upcoming Trainings and Connection Opportunities

Save The Date!

October 11-12 EHCY Conference

For the first time, DPI is hosting a virtual conference for homeless liaisons and 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!

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 14, 11:30 a.m.

October 19, 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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](#)

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.

Youth Scholarship Programs

Youth who have experienced homelessness can apply for scholarships to assist with their post-secondary education plan

1. [SchoolHouse Connection Scholarship Program](#)
Deadline to apply is October 15, 2022.
2. [NAEHCY Scholarship](#)
Deadline to apply is September 16, 2022

State Coordinator Corner

Karen left her position with DPI last fall and joined SchoolHouse Connection, a national organization focused on homelessness and education. At this time, the open position has not yet been posted.

I (Kristine Nadolski) am still here and appreciate your patience, as I also manage other programs at DPI. I prefer being contacted by email for any situation as I can respond timelier. You can also schedule a phone call with me using this link: [Schedule a meeting with Kristine](#).

Clara continues to support the EHCY program as our grants specialist and should be contacted with any budget or monitoring questions.

The ARP-HCY funds have added a lot of work to our plates while we are understaffed. We plan to continue to provide the training opportunities, Lunch Time Live connections, and

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

The annual NAEHCY conference will be held in-person and virtually from October 29- November 1, 2022! 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 [2022 NAEHCY Conference website](#).

Title I Homeless Reservation

As a reminder, the Title I, Part A Homeless Reservation is **required** for all school districts. DPI has a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document regarding this. Please reach out to your district ESEA coordinator to collaborate on how to use these funds to serve students experiencing homelessness.

WI Early Childhood Collaborating Partners: Better Together

Please take a look at the [Better Together newsletter](#), brought to you by Maria Kietzman, Early Childhood Outreach Specialist with WI Early Childhood Collaborating Partners (WECCP). The newsletter is a resource for educators and professionals working with children and families experiencing homelessness. In addition to her southern region outreach work, Maria has a focus area in educating children and youth experiencing homelessness throughout all of Wisconsin. Maria can be contacted at kietzmanm@cesa5.org or by phone at 608-697-4874. More information can be learned about WECCP on their website www.collaboratingpartners.com.

Homeless Children and Youth Grants

American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY)

During the 2021-22 school year, DPI distributed approximately \$7.6 million in ARP-HCY funds to Wisconsin LEAs. All ARP-HCY funds have now been distributed. ARP-HCY funds are to be used specifically to support students experiencing homelessness. Please see the DPI ARP-HCY webpage <https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/arp-hcy>, the [ARP-HCY Frequently Asked Questions document](#) from DPI, or contact Clara Pfeiffer, clara.pfeiffer@dpi.wi.gov for more information.

Education for Homeless Children and Youth 3-year Innovation Grant

A new EHCY 3-year grant cycle will begin in the 2023-24 school year, meaning that the application will become available in winter/spring of 2023. We will hold informational sessions on the grant process and application sections in the spring – please stay tuned! You can see a list of current EHCY grantees on this page: <https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/grant-info>.

A PDF of this eBrief is available on the [DPI EHCY Webpage](#)

A Newsletter from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction,
Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

technical assistance we have always done.

Thank you for your dedication to youth experiencing homelessness. Welcome to the new school year!

Kristine

Resources

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

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