

Welcome Back!

We hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready to jump into a new school year. This eBrief contains many resources we hope will be useful as you begin the new school year. If you are a new liaison, please make sure your information is updated in our directory. You can find instructions on our [directory webpage](#). We look forward to working with you and are happy to answer any questions you may have throughout the year.

– Karen & Kristine

Important Back to School Resources

As you gear up for the new school year, we encourage you to check out these resources to support you in your liaison role:

- National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) [Homeless Liaison Toolkit](#).
- [Order free posters](#) from NCHE to post educational rights of students experiencing homelessness in your school and community.
- [Sample Questions for Information Gathering](#)
- [NAEHCY Homeless Eligibility Flowchart](#)
- [Homeless Student Identification Form for Local Use](#)
- SchoolHouse Connection Resources:
 - [Homeless Children and Youth in the Every Student Succeeds Act](#)
 - [Title I, Part A and Homeless Children and Youth](#)
 - [Immigrant Students: How Schools Can Help](#)
 - [Tool for Assessing the Capacity of Homeless Liaisons](#)

EHCY Program Monitoring

Each year DPI desk monitors approximately 25 school districts for McKinney-Vento compliance. We will be notifying districts throughout the year if they are selected for compliance monitoring in the 18-19 school year. For more information about monitoring, please visit our [monitoring page](#). We highly encourage districts to review policies and procedures to ensure they are in compliance with ESSA and the changes that went into effect in 2016. For examples of what school districts across the state use, please visit our [example forms and documentation page](#).

LEA Plans

All districts are required to complete LEA Plan narratives, beginning in the 18-19 school year. The Plan includes a series of questions on McKinney-Vento and EHCY programs. Please work with your district staff to ensure that the McKinney-Vento questions on the LEA plan reflect the work of your program, as well as changes under ESSA. This [Roadmap](#) provides more details on the criteria being used to evaluate the plans.

Free Online Training Opportunities

- [NCHE webinar opportunities August-September](#)
- [SchoolHouse Connection webinar opportunities August-October](#)
- [DPI McKinney-Vento Training Module](#)
- [DPI Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness Video](#)
- [DPI Trauma-Sensitive Schools Learning Modules](#)

Funding Opportunity

If you are interested in pursuing a funding opportunity to support your students experiencing homelessness, [please visit the SchoolHouse Connection page](#) to learn more. This is a partnership between DonorsChoose.org and private funders to match donations.

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.

Important Information

Upcoming Conferences

September 27 – 28

[Annual Poverty Matters Conference](#)

October 27 – 30

[NAEHCY Annual Conference](#)

NAEHCY FAQ

[The FAQ document](#) created by NAEHCY is a great resource for liaisons when questions arise. It is very comprehensive and provides legal citations for reference.

Important Websites

[DPI EHCY website](#)

[NCHE](#)

[NAEHCY](#)

[SchoolHouse Connection](#)

[McKinney-Vento Act](#)

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

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