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## New Monitoring Materials

We are in the process of updating our compliance monitoring materials. This includes a new tool to guide districts who are selected for compliance monitoring. If your district is selected for compliance monitoring in 2018-19, you will be notified starting in January, 2019. We encourage districts to review new monitoring documents to ensure your district is in compliance, even if you are not selected for monitoring. As documents are finalized, they will be posted on our [website](#).

Based on prior years of compliance monitoring, we recommend districts review the following areas:

- updating policies and procedures to match the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the reauthorization of McKinney-Vento,
- developing a specific, defined dispute resolution process, with written procedures, even if the district has not previously had a dispute, and
- providing written notification of rights to parents/youth at the time of identification.

Our [Example Forms and Documentation webpage](#) has many resources available for you to use and adapt for your districts. In addition, if you have documents to share with other districts to support their EHCY programs, please send them to us at [dpi.homeless@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:dpi.homeless@dpi.wi.gov).

## Required Professional Development for New Homeless Liaisons

Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, reauthorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act, the State Coordinator can require local homeless liaisons to participate in professional development. McKinney-Vento specifies the duties of the liaison from 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A) to include that the liaison will “participate in professional development and other technical assistance activities as determined appropriate by the State Coordinator [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(iv)]”.

Beginning in 2019, new homeless liaisons will complete a specific [professional development module](#) that is predicted to take no longer than 30 minutes. EHCY State Coordinators will receive a confirmation email upon the liaison’s completion of the module and the homeless liaison can choose to receive a confirmation as well. Liaisons will have until **February 15, 2019** to complete the module.

## EHCY Data Updates

Please make sure your students experiencing homelessness are entered into your district’s Student Information System (SIS). DPI is now collecting student level data through your SIS to help improve the accuracy and quality of the data. For more information, please visit this [WISEdata webpage](#).

We are also excited to share that DPI has implemented a new way of displaying and disaggregating student graphs by student homeless status in WISEdash for Districts. Only those individuals in your district that have access as the Economic Indicator Analyst role can view this data. We encourage homeless liaisons to be granted this role in WISEdash. [Please see this memo for further information.](#)

## New SchoolHouse Connection Resources

- [McKinney-Vento Act Two Page Summary](#)
- [Full Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities for Students Experiencing Homelessness](#)
- [Sesame Street Launches National Initiative on Family Homelessness](#) (a great tool for talking with young children about homelessness!)
- [Quick Guide for Counseling Staff Working with Students Experiencing Homelessness](#)
- [Helping Homeless Youth Succeed in College](#)
- [Preschool to Prevent Homelessness: Research, Rights, and Resources](#)
- [Tip Sheets for Young People: Rental/Leases Checklist and Video](#)
- [Deeper Dives for Schools: Practical Strategies to Serve Young Children Experiencing Homelessness](#)
- [Pathways to Partnership Higher Education](#)

**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.

## State Coordinator Corner

Kristine and Karen have been busy traveling around the state visiting funded districts and leading professional development. Funded district site visits are one of our favorite things during the year. These visits give us the opportunity to hear about all of the great work happening in our state around homeless education, and give us tools for best practices that we can share with other districts.

We are working to develop an additional training module to focus on topics such as dispute resolution, transportation, credit accrual and preschool.

Clara is currently working on revising our McKinney-Vento compliance monitoring process. It’s been a big job, but we are excited to streamline our efforts to help districts be in compliance.

## Resources

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

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