Welcome Back
Day 2 Agenda
April 28, 2021 (PM)

- NC Homeless Education Program
- NC Migrant Education Program
- Regional Meetings
Housekeeping

- Keep your line muted
- Conference presentation is being recorded
- Ask questions via the Q & A feature so we can collect ongoing questions and concerns
- You can then raise your hand and ask the question verbally too
Anelia Laurens, Program Specialist for the North Carolina Homeless Education Program
McKinney-Vento and 21 Century Community Learning Centers Working Together to Support Students Experiencing Homelessness
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Working Together to Support Students Experiencing Homelessness

Synergy Conference
April 28, 2021

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McKinney-Vento Act: Federal Law

The Act supports students experiencing homelessness through:

- Enrollment
- Attendance
- Academic Success

Federal law that supersedes local and state policies and laws.
The Law: Main Themes

- State Coordinator and Homeless Liaison
- Identification, Enrollment, Stability
- Academic Success and Credit Accrual
- Child-Centered, Best Interest Determination
- Collaboration
- Subgrant Requirements
- Transportation
- Early Education
- Higher Education
What's in Your Backpack?
Think About It!

- Why did you choose the items you took and which you left behind?
- How did it feel to make your choices?
- How will you do without the things you left behind?
- Where will you get the things you need but no longer have?
Can You Tell Who Is Homeless?
Consider this......

Could you ever be affected by a hurricane, flood, tornado or other natural disaster?

Do you live in a household with only one wage earner?

Could you ever suffer from a long-term illness or accident without proper health benefits or other compensations?
Consider this......

Could a downturn in the economy or a change in your local economy cause you or your family to lose a job?

Has there ever been any form of domestic violence or abuse in your family?

Are housing costs in your area increasing faster than wages are increasing?

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Causes of Homelessness

- Lack of affordable housing
- Poverty
- Health problems
- Domestic violence
- Natural and other disasters
- Abuse/neglect/family dysfunction
- Other
McKinney-Vento Act: It’s The Law!

A federal law designed to increase the school enrollment, attendance, and success of children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
McKinney-Vento Definition of Homeless:

- **Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence**
- **Fixed residence:**
  - Stationary;
  - Permanent;
  - Not subject to change
- **Regular residence:**
  - Used on a routine basis
- **Adequate residence:**
  - Home setting meets both the physical and psychological needs
Homeless Situations: Examples

- Sharing a home due to loss of housing
- Sharing a home due to economic hardship
- Living in motels / hotels / trailer parks
- Living in a shelter / bus or train stations
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Living in cars / parks / under bridges
- Living in campgrounds / abandoned buildings
- Migratory children
- Unaccompanied homeless youth
- Human trafficking
- Other

Can the student go to the:  
SAME PLACE (fixed) EVERY NIGHT (regular) to sleep in a SAFE AND SUFFICIENT SPACE (adequate)?
Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY)

A youth who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence AND is not in the physical custody of parent or legal guardian.

Homeless + Unaccompanied = Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
Homeless Liaison

- Appointed in LEA, Charter, ISD, Lab, and Virtual Schools
- 315 Homeless Liaisons
- Director of Student Support Services, Assistant Superintendents, Title I Directors, School Social Workers, Counselors, etc.
- Percentage of time varies by:
  - Amount of Identifications
  - Funding
  - Size of District
  - Type of School
Homeless Liaison: Responsibilities

- Identification
- Enrollment
- Access to Services
- Referrals
- Parent Information
- Public Notice
- Disputes
- Transportation Services
- Professional Development
- Collaboration
- Policy and Procedure Development
Children and Youth:

Impacts of Homelessness

- Acute and chronic illnesses
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Poor classroom engagement
- Poor social skills
- Achievement gaps
- Increase dropout rate
- Other
Working Together!
21st Century and Homeless Education Program:

Working Together!

- Share contact information
- Learn about each program to be effective in supporting students
- Provide training to each other’s staff for knowledge on services and supports
- Develop a communication tool for the ongoing sharing of student needs
21st Century and Homeless Education Program:

Working Together!

- Allocate afterschool slots to include McKinney-Vento students
- Understand warning signs of homelessness and how to make a referral to school officials
- Display McKinney-Vento posters in afterschool locations
21st Century and Homeless Education Program: Working Together!

- Develop an action plan for working together to support and serve students who are experiencing homelessness
- Meet quarterly with the homeless liaison to discuss student(s):
  - Attendance
  - Academics
  - Accomplishments and Concerns
  - Student Needs
  - Parent Involvement Opportunities
  - Field Trips or Program Events
21st Century and Homeless Education Program:

Working Together!

- Consult with identified students and their parents on academic needs
- Provide extra time and resources to complete assignments
- Support nutritional needs of students
- Find alternative options for managing discipline and attendance issues that arise
- Communicate with homeless liaison on other needs of students
Homeless Education: Research Shows...

Participating in an afterschool program provides:

- Improved academic achievement!
- Improved classroom engagement!
- Improved school attendance!
- Improved foundation skills!
- Improved graduation rates!
Our Common Goal!

Provide academic supports to enable students to enter the world with the skills needed to be successful!
Resources

North Carolina Homeless Education Program
https://hepnc.unCG.edu/

National Center for Homeless Education
U.S. Department of Education’s Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
https://nche.ed.gov/
North Carolina Homeless Education Program

Department of Public Instruction

Office of the Deputy State Superintendent of Innovation

Federal Program Monitoring and Support Division

https://hepnc.uncg.edu/

https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/federal-program-monitoring/homeless-program-monitoring

District Appointed Homeless Liaison can be located at: https://hepnc.uncg.edu/local-liaisons/

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Get to Know the NC Migrant Education Program (MEP)

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Get To Know the NC Migrant Education Program: Working Together to Serve Our Children
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NC MEP

A federally-funded program that seeks to help migratory students and youth meet challenging academic standards and graduate from high school by overcoming obstacles created by frequent moves, educational disruption, cultural and language differences, and health-related problems.
MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM
Subgrantees

- MEP Sub-grants
- Areas of Regional Recruitment and Services
  - * MOU with Lenoir County MEP
  - ** MOU with Clinton City
NC MEP
Child Count
People needed for planting tobacco
In North Carolina
Free Rent Call for
more info (252) 452-0637
863-233-3400 (252) 289-8809
(839) 8418611 (333) 700961

Implications: Migrant Farmworkers

Mobility
Low wages
Feeling of isolation
Resilience
Strong family bonds
Global competency

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Areas of Concern for NC MEP

- Instructional time
- Educational continuity
- English Language development
- School engagement
- Instructional support at home
- Access To Services
- Health
MEP Services to Address Areas of Concern

- **Instructional Services** — focuses on closing the achievement gap in ELA and Math

- **Supportive Services** — services to meet basic, unmet needs so that families and youth can fully engage academically.
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Q&A
Dr. LaTricia Townsend, Director
Federal Program Monitoring & Support
2:30-4:00 pm 21st CCLC Regional Breakouts w/ Program Administrators

• Session G Northwest/Western/Piedmont-Triad/Southwest Regions
  (Megan, Tammarrah, and Dr. Townsend)

• Session H Southeast/Sandhills Region
  (Tara and Susan)

• Session I Northeast/North Central Regions (Eric, Jennifer and Alex)