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McKinney Vento Homeless Training April 4, 2019 LASAFAP Conference

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Objectives for the session:

- Build capacity of all stakeholders
- Provide updates on homeless program
- Understand partnerships w/ Early Childhood
- Build awareness of allowable activities
- Share Professional Development Opportunities
- Identify Available Resources
- Identify Next Steps/Planning



History

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stewart B. McKinney• Republican Representative• Connecticut	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bruce Vento• Democratic Representative• Minnesota
 A black and white photograph of Stewart B. McKinney, a man with glasses, wearing a suit and tie, speaking at a microphone. A "LIFE" logo is visible in the bottom left corner.	 A color portrait of Bruce Vento, a man with dark hair, wearing a suit and tie, smiling. An American flag is partially visible in the background.

- Stewart B. McKinney Act, 1987 (1990, 1994)
- President Ronald Reagan signed the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act into law on July 22, 1987.
- 2001, reauthorization and name changed to McKinney-Vento Act
- Provides states with funding to support local grants and statewide initiatives
- Requires educational *access, attendance*, and *success* for homeless children and youth
- Outlines responsibilities for local liaisons and state coordinators
- For a summary of the history, visit:
 - <http://education.wm.edu/centers/hope/resources/mckinneyact/index.php>



Definition of Homeless



Section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Act¹⁰ defines “homeless children and youths” as **individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence**. The term includes—

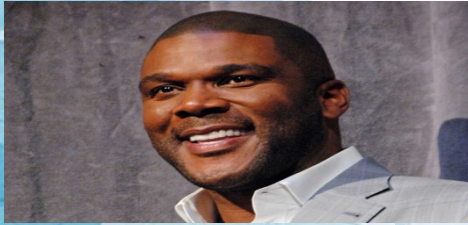
- ☐ Children and youths who are:
 - **sharing the housing** of other persons **due to loss of housing, economic hardship**, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as “doubled-up”);
 - **living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds** due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
 - **living in emergency or transitional shelters**; or
 - **abandoned in hospitals**;
- ☐ Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place **not designed for**, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for **human beings**;
- ☐ Children and youths who are **living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings**; and
- ☐ **Migratory children** who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

Language Etiquette

- People first
- Homelessness is a temporary condition not a trait
- Student experiencing homelessness
- Family in transition
- McKinney-Vento students

Famous People That Experienced Homelessness/Time Magazine

Tyler Perry: Actor and Movie Mogul: homeless on and off for a period of 6 years. Lived in his car.



Jim Carrey (Actor/Comedian: Lived in van at 12 years old when father lost his job)



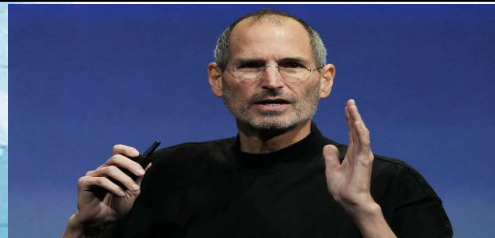
Halle Berry (lived in a homeless shelter as a resident arrival to New York)



Jennifer Lopez: Celebrity: 18 years old slept on cots in the dance studio.



Steve Jobs: CEO of Apple: didn't have a dorm room, slept on floor in friends room, returned coke bottles for the .05 deposits to buy food with, every Sunday walked 7 miles to get meal at Hare Krishna Temple.



Kelly Clarkson (had to live out of her car and at shelters when her apartment burnt down).



Louisiana 2018-2019 Homeless Statistics

Reporting and
verifying data is
important

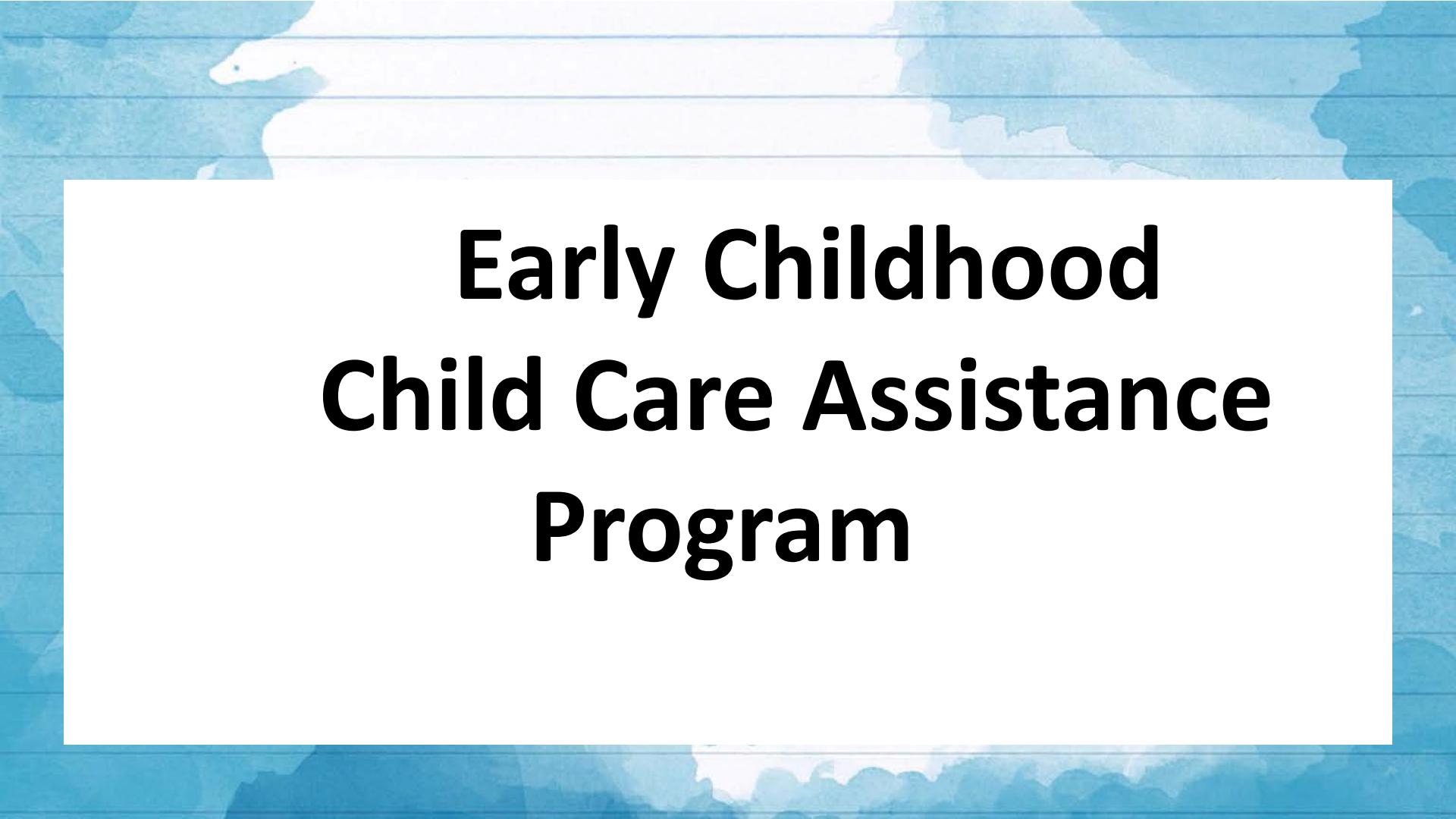
SIS- Student Information System
HTS- Homeless Tracking System
(underage siblings)

Get to know your SIS Data
Manager

ESSA tracking Homeless
Student Performance

Feb 1 Counts	Total Student Enrollment	Homeless Student count	% Homeless	Shelter	Doubled up	Unsheltered	Hotel/ Motel
2017- 2018	720,126	14,597	2%	1058	12676	353	510
2018- 2019	717,109	13,659	1.9%	1016	11800	294	549

Nationally: Unaccompanied Youth and African American Males numbers are up



Early Childhood Child Care Assistance Program

Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Overview

- CCAP provides federal subsidies for placement of children, from birth to 13 or up to age 18 if disabled, in high quality childcare programs.
- Homeless applications within the CCAP program are accepted without the need of verification for up to 90 calendar days.
- Multiple attempts are made by the agency to receive the documentation within 30 days.
- The CCAP homeless liaison works to connect families to needed resources by collaborating with the LEA.
- CCAP participants receive certification for 1 year.
- At the one year redetermination period of the family's case, if the family still qualifies for CCAP benefits in the Homeless category and has not exceeded the 85% SMI; the family can be certified for another year as "homeless" with all the same benefits allowed at their first certification period.

CCAP and LEA Partnerships

CCAP Procedures:

1. Application received; Homeless category is checked
2. Within 5 days, application is reviewed by Analyst
3. Analyst gathers initial information and documentation that can be obtained from the participant
4. Analyst sends correspondence to participant with list of documentation needed to complete the verification process (up to 90 days given)
5. Analyst completes Section 1 of the CCAPMV1 form and send CCAP MV1 to the CCAP Homeless Liaison
6. CCAP HL reviews form and sends to LEA to complete Section 3
7. Continued communication with the LEA to address any additional needs including referral to Head Start etc. will continue through the certification period.

LEA Procedures:

1. LEA receives and reviews CCAPMV1 form
2. LEA uses HTS to begin process to assist family within the parish school system
3. If HTS already has the family listed. LEA uses information to verify homeless status
4. If family is not listed in HTS, LEA contacts parent listed on the form
5. Using the MV standards, LEA interviews the parent and makes an assessment and conclusion of the family's homeless status
6. LEA should also identify underage siblings in the household
7. LEA returns the completed CCAPMV 1 form to the CCAPHL

Head Start and Early Head Start Partnerships and Procedures for Homeless Families

- Children who meet the definition of Homelessness in the education subtitle of the McKinney –Vento Act are **categorically** eligible for Head Start/Early Head Start
- A program's policies and procedures cannot require families to provide documents that confirm a child's age, if doing so creates a barrier for the family to enroll.
- Head Start programs use varied documentation to confirm the family 's homeless status.
- Written statements from a homeless services provider, school personnel or other public or private service agency information gathered on enrollment or application forms, or from an interview with staff to establish the child is homeless, or any other document that establishes homelessness.
- Head Start programs make specific efforts to locate and recruit vulnerable children with disabilities, children in foster care and other vulnerable children.

Early Childhood & K-12



How Do We Support Students Experiencing Homelessness Financially?








Title I Part A funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set a side • Minimum \$100 per student
McKinney Vento Subgrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • competitive grant • every 3 years

2017-2020 McKinney Vento Grantees

Assumption	Avoyelles	Bossier
Caddo	Calcasieu	DeSoto
East Baton Rouge	East Feliciana	Jefferson
Lafayette	LaFourche	LaSalle
Orleans	Plaquemines	Pointe Coupee
Rapides	St. John the Baptist	St. Tammany
Tangipahoa	Terrebonne	Dwight D. Eisenhower
Tallulah Charter	The Net Charter High	

Allowable Activities

	Tutoring, supplemental instruction		Training to parents and guardians of HCY about rights and resources available
	Expedited evaluations of strengths and needs of HCY (gifted & talented, disabilities, EL services)		Development of coordination between schools and agencies.
	Professional development		Specialized instructional support services (including violence prevention, counseling)
	Referral services (medical, dental, and other health services)		Adaptation of space and purchase of supplies for any NONSCHOOL facilities.
	Defray excess cost of transportation		School supplies, including supplies distributed at shelters, and uniforms.
	Appropriate early childhood programs, not provided through federal, state or local funding for preschool aged homeless children		Before and after school tutoring, mentoring and summer programs
	Attract, engage and retain HCY not enrolled in school or in public school programs.		The payment of fees and cost associated w/tracking, obtaining, and transferring records necessary to enroll HCY.

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Important Documents

The Federal Law

- Function of State Coordinator (pg. 7-8)
- State Plan Criteria (pg. 8-9)
- **Assurances (pg. 10)**
- **Local Educational Agency Requirements** (pg. 11)
- Coordinating with other agencies (pg. 14)
- **Local Education Agency Liaison Job descriptions** (pg. 15)
- **Allowable Activities** (pg. 20-21)
- Secretary of Education Duties

MV Student Residency Questionnaire & Referral Forms

Updated on Website

LA Letterhead

Uniformity

Top 5 of Title IX

MV Subgrantee Questions eGMS

Parent Folders

Updated

Subgrantee questions have been updated and will be a separate application in eGMS available in May.

Use folders for next year. Can order more from NCHE website

Professional Development

Building Homeless Liaison Capacity Kickstand

www.kickstandk12.com

New requirements in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) require public school districts to carefully select and ensure capacity of the staff they designate to serve as their McKinney-Vento (MV) Homeless Education Liaisons.*

MV Liaisons are faced with increasing responsibilities without the support of additional time or funding to provide capacity to meet these requirements.

Liaison turnover and lack of capacity not only present State MV Coordinators with the ongoing dilemma of being in constant training mode, they put districts at risk of federal or civil lawsuits and Office of Civil Rights actions.

This course and the lessons were designed to provide Liaisons with the information and resources to better understand the responsibilities of districts to identify and serve children, youth and families experiencing homelessness, as well as to be confident and capable of performing all ten duties required of Liaisons in the ESSA MV Act. States currently enrolled: LA, ME, VA, MI, IN, KY, TN, NM, MO, HI, WY



Building Homeless Liaison Capacity Kickstand

www.kickstandk12.com

- ☐ Main Objective- build capacity
 - ☐ Advisory Council- assistance
 - ☐ Homeless Consultant- technical assistance
- ☐ 12 lessons/ time will vary
- ☐ 80% Pass rate
- ☐ Course will open November 1st
- ☐ Overall deadline to complete courses is
 - ☐ Mid term (February 28th) complete 6 lessons
 - ☐ Complete all by May 31st



Congratulations!!!!

**To all Liaisons who have finished the course you
will be recognized at the regional trainings.**



Summer Training Dates

Registration will open April 15th

Baton Rouge Training	Wednesday, May 15th Claiborne Bldg. Computer Lab (20/20)	9:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-4:30pm
Jefferson Parish Training	Thursday, May 23rd Paul Emenes Building 822 S. Clearview Parkway Harahan, LA 70123 (90 people)	9-12noon
Rapides Parish Training	Thursday, May 30th Rapides Parish School Board 502 Beauregard St. Alexandria, LA 70301 (20/20)	9:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-4:30pm

Professional Development Opportunities

<p>National Center for Homeless Education NCHE https://nche.ed.gov/about.php</p>	<p>National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth NAEHCY http://naehcy.org/</p>	<p>School House Connection https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org</p>
Upcoming Webinars	National Conference	Upcoming Webinars
<p>April 17 2:00-3:00pm ET Supporting the Education of Unaccompanied Students Experiencing Homelessness</p> <p>April 25 2:00-3:00pm ET Understanding Doubled Up</p>	<p>November 2-5, 2019 Washington Hilton Washington DC</p>	<p>April 9 1:00-2:15 EST Sesame Street's National Initiative on Family Homelessness</p> <p>April 10 2:00-3:00pm EST Removing Barriers to Financial Aid for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth</p>
Resource Links		
<p>Collaboration with Other Agencies - https://nche.ed.gov/downloads/collab_school_social.pdf</p> <p>Higher Education Opportunities - https://nche.ed.gov/downloads/res-summ-sch-couns.pdf</p> <p>LA Enrollment Forms and Contacts: https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/school-policy Local Dispute Policies - https://nche.ed.gov/downloads/briefs/resolution.pdf</p> <p>Transportation Policies - https://nche.ed.gov/downloads/briefs/transportation.pdf</p> <p>Order Products: https://nche.ed.gov/online_order.php</p> <p>Free and Reduced Lunch: https://www.louisianabelieves.com/funding/community-eligibility-provision</p>		<p>HTS -LA Data Systems User Guide https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/classroom-support/school-system-support-toolbox</p> <p>Non-Regulatory Guidance https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/160240ehcyguidance072716updated0317.pdf</p>

Homeless Advisory Council

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Homeless Liaison Award

Nominee must be a homeless liaison in a school system.

Each nominee must have a minimum of three years' experience working as a homeless liaison.

Nomination Criteria:

Nominees must be homeless liaisons who:

- Demonstrate a clear understanding of the challenges faced by children, youth and families, including unaccompanied youth and preschool-aged children as it relates to homelessness.
- Have a thorough awareness and knowledge of State and school district policies and other state and local policies that impact children and youth experiencing homelessness.
- Are recognized as an expert in the field and have the ability to meet the needs of children/youth experiencing homelessness, support and encourage academic success and implement cross program coordination and community collaboration.
- Exemplifies leadership and innovation in regard to the implementation and compliance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
- Are well-known within their school system and community. He/she has earned the admiration and respect of their colleagues and community members.

Homeless Liaison of the Year Award

Timeline

- **June 30:** Online nomination deadline
- **July 16-19:** Review committee reads/scores award submissions
- **August 12:** Homeless Liaison of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award winner's notified

Next Steps

Follow up sessions on:

- Work on verifying end of the year data- Open Now- deadline is June 21st.
- Sign up for May regional trainings beginning April 15th
- Finish Kickstand Training & send certificate to Dr. Hunter May 31st.
- Update your residency and referral forms for next year

Question and Answers

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