

# Supporting Students in Temporary Housing



## NEW McKinney-Vento Training Initiative 2024-2025

**Presented By:** The New York State Technical & Educational Assistance Center (NYS-TEACHS) & The New York State Education Department



**NYS-TEACHS.org**

The New York State Technical Assistance  
Center for Homeless Students

October 23, 2024  
10:00am–11:15am



**MEASUREMENT**  
INCORPORATED

# Meeting Format



- Today's session will be in a meeting format.



- Please mute yourself until called on.



- We invite you to turn your camera on!



- Use the chat to communicate your ideas with others.



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# Who is in the Room?

## Are you a...

- School District McKinney-Vento Liaison
- BOCES Superintendent
- BOCES McKinney-Vento Liaison
- Other School/District Staff



## Which region are you from?

- \* Western
- \* Finger Lakes
- \* Central
- \* Southern Tier
- \* Mohawk Valley
- \* Capital
- \* Hudson Valley
- \* New York City
- \* Long Island
- \* North Country



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## Goals:

- ❖ Provide technical assistance to BOCES to support students and families from component districts experiencing temporary housing.
  - ❖ Offer opportunities to connect with key BOCES staff to support the sharing of ideas and building knowledge around students in transitional housing.
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# Overview of the McKinney-Vento Initiative

Develop an infrastructure to support BOCES and their component school districts to implement the McKinney-Vento Act and to support the academic achievement of students in temporary housing.

Targeted Assistance to support McKinney-Vento liaisons through two structures:

- Statewide BOCES Meetings (two per school year)
- Targeted Regional meetings (Three sessions per region)



# Statewide BOCES Meetings

**Audience:** BOCES District Superintendents, McKinney-Vento liaisons, related staff

**Structure:** Large group meetings, twice a school year

**Purpose:**

- Share McKinney-Vento resources
- Provide information on Regional trainings
- Facilitate connections among BOCES McKinney-Vento liaisons





# Targeted Regional BOCES Meetings

**Audience:** BOCES McKinney-Vento liaisons or related staff and McKinney-Vento liaisons from component LEAs

**Structure:** Regional meetings, three (3) times in a school year. Breakout room discussions facilitated by BOCES liaison.

## **Purpose:**

- Share McKinney-Vento resources.
- Facilitate connections among McKinney-Vento liaisons in each region.
- Provide opportunities for discussions focused on identification, barriers to enrollment, and the unique needs of students in temporary housing in that region.



# Regional BOCES Meeting Structure

## Content Presentation – 20 minutes

## Breakout Rooms (by BOCES) – 30 minutes

- **District Sharing:** Name, School District, Years of Experiences as a M-V district liaison. What is a challenge you face supporting students in temporary housing?
- **Group Share Out:** Share highlights

## Questions & Answers – 10 minutes

# Upcoming Sessions: Round 1

## Regional Training Sessions

| Date                                | Group/Region                       |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| October 25 <sup>th</sup> , 10–11am  | Western Region/Purple Group        |
| November 8 <sup>th</sup> , 10–11am  | Central Region/Orange Group        |
| November 15 <sup>th</sup> , 10–11am | North Country Region/Blue Group    |
| November 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 10–11am | Long Island Region/Maroon Group    |
| December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 10–11am  | Hudson Valley Region/ Yellow Group |
| December 13 <sup>th</sup> , 10–11am | Capital Region/Green Group         |

# Questions & Answers: New Initiative and Process

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# LEA McKinney-Vento Requirements

The McKinney-Vento Act requires every LEA, including BOCES and charter schools to **designate a local liaison** to assist families and district staff with the identification and enrollment of students experiencing temporary housing.



[NCHE Brief: Local Homeless Education Liaisons: Understanding Their Role](#)

[NCHE Brief: Local Homeless Education Liaisons: Important Information for New Local Liaisons](#)



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# McKinney-Vento Liaison Responsibilities

## **NYSED Memo: [LEA Policy on the Education of Students in Temporary Housing](#)**

All local educational agencies (LEAs), which include school districts, charter schools, and BOCES, must review and revise policies to improve the identification, enrollment, attendance, and success in schools of students in temporary housing.

Please refer to: [NYSED Sample Local Educational Agency \(“LEA”\) Policy on the Education of Students in Temporary Housing](#). This sample policy outlines the duties of the McKinney-Vento Liaison.

# McKinney-Vento Liaison Responsibilities

1. Identification
2. Enrollment
3. Referrals for Early Childhood
4. Referrals for Health, Housing, & Other Needed Services
5. Parent Involvement
6. Posting Public Notice
7. Dispute Resolution
8. Transportation
9. Training for Colleagues
10. Meeting the Needs of Unaccompanied Youth

 **Liaison Responsibilities** 

The McKinney-Vento Act includes a "job description" for the local liaison in the form of a list of duties. According to the Act [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g) (6)(A)], local liaisons must ensure:

**Identification:**  
Children and youth experiencing homelessness are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies.

 **Enrollment:**  
Children and youth experiencing homelessness are enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, schools within the district.

**Referrals for Early Childhood:**  
Children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness have access to and receive educational services for which they are eligible, including Early Head Start and Head Start programs, early intervention services under Part C of the Individual with Disabilities Education Act, and other preschool programs administered by the school district.

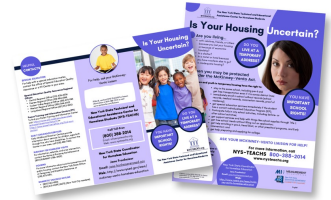
**Referrals for Health, Housing and Other Services:**  
Children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness receive referrals to health care, dental, mental health, substance abuse, housing, and other appropriate services.

**Parent Involvement:**  
Parents or guardians of students experiencing homelessness are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children, and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children. 

NYS TEACHS Liaison Responsibilities

# TEACHS Provides Technical Assistance

- TEACHS Helpline 1-800-388-2014
- TEACHS Website [www.nysteachs.org](http://www.nysteachs.org)
- Tales from the Field
- Outreach Materials
  - [Order posters](#) and **brochures** or view online PDFs on nysteachs.org website, free of charge
  - Posters are available in 10 languages: English, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian-Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Urdu



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# NYSED Announcements

NYSED speaker: Jane Fronheiser,  
State Homeless Coordinator  
Office of ESSA-Funded Programs

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McKinney-Vento Grant Funds  
**New Request for Proposal (RFP) 2025-2028**  
**Coming Soon- Spring 2025**

# Questions & Answers

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