

Back to School 2016: Important Updates from Early Childhood Through Post-Secondary Education
NAEHCY Webinar, September 7, 2016

“Chat Box” Transcript:

Questions that were not answered live on the webinar, and links to resources

To All:

Click here to access the full Head Start regulations:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/09/06/2016-19748/head-start-performance-standards>

To All:

And click here for a summary of the Head Start regulations on children and families experiencing homelessness: <http://naehcy.org/legislation-and-policy/legislative-updates-news/final-head-start-rules>

To All:

Liaisons can verify homelessness for Head Start children just like they do for unaccompanied youth for the FAFSA. It will streamline their eligibility and enrollment.

To All:

USED's Guidance on McKinney-Vento is available here: <http://naehcy.org/essa-legislation-bill-summaries-text-and-us-department-education-guidance-and-regulations>

Q.

If a student is in a shelter and attends a nonpublic school does the public school have to provide the transportation? Where is that citation in the law?

To All:

If a student is attending a nonpublic school, the public school does not have to provide the transportation. The McKinney-Vento Act applies to public schools and public school students who have been placed by public schools in private schools (like through a special education process).

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Q.

Is that Title I set asides for Schoolwides for the 2017-18 school year?

To All:

Hi, yes, the Title I set-aside amendments go into effect for the 2017-18 school year.

To All:

Here's the hotlink for NAEHCY's ESSA resources:

<http://naehcy.org/educational-resources/essa>

Q.

Will there be resources for online schools?

To All:

We don't have any resources specific to online schools, although many of our resources would apply. If there are particular online school resources that would be helpful, let us know, and we will work with our friends at NCHE to see what we can do for you.

(to All):

This may be helpful for low cost internet options <http://everyoneon.org/> You can search by zip code.

To All:

Thanks! We've had success working with public libraries in many communities, too.

Q.

Where do non Title I schools receive their funding to provide accommodations for MV students?

To All:

Schools and LEAs support MV students with Title I funds, MV funds, general school funds, donations, and funds from supplemental programs like 21st Century, state programs, etc.

Q.

Are at-risk youth eligible for any McKinney Vento services?

To All:

To be eligible for McKinney-Vento services, a student must meet the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness.

Q.

There was a mention of Head Start programs administered by district's being subject to school of origin and transportation requirements under McKinney-Vento. What about other early ed programs, specifically tuition based preschools on school campuses? Do typical peer students who pay tuition to attend a district operated special needs preschool qualify for MV rights/services?

To All:

While the term “preschool” is not defined in the McKinney-Vento Act, the definition used for McKinney-Vento data collection by the U.S. Department of Education is a helpful reference: “early childhood education programs for children aged 0-5, funded through tax dollars or other public funds, and for which the LEA is a financial or administrative agent or for which the LEA is accountable for providing early childhood education services.” Examples of preschool programs included in federal data collection include preschool programs operated or administered by an LEA; Head Start programs receiving funding from the LEA or for which the LEA is the grant recipient; preschool special education services, operated or funded by the LEA or mandated under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; preschool programs and services administered or funded by the LEA through the use of Title I or similar government grants; or home-based early childhood educational services funded and administered by an LEA.” National Center for Homeless Education (2015). Guide to Reporting Federal Data, available at <http://center.serve.org/nche/downloads/data-guide-14-15.pdf>.

To All:

Cyekeia has stocked our Higher Education webpage with tons of resources, and she's currently putting the finishing touches on a few updates. <http://naehcy.org/educational-resources/higher-ed>

To All:

Start visiting our Home for the Holidays later this fall for ideas on how you can support college students experiencing homelessness in your community. <http://naehcy.org/educational-resources/home-for-the-holidays-2015>

To All:

<http://www.gradnation.org/homeless>

To All:

<https://www.facebook.com/National-Association-for-the-Education-of-Homeless-Children-and-Youth-122293074906/?ref=settings>

Q.

So the district is not required to fund transportation for Foster students as of December?

To All:

The Title I foster care transportation provisions go into effect on December 10, 2016.

Q.

If a child is residing in a foster home that is outside the child's home school zone, do they need a zone exception to attend their home school? Who provides the transportation?

To All:

Title I, Part A and the Fostering Connections Act will determine the education rights of children in foster care. Many states also have state laws that give foster children education rights. The Legal Center on Foster Care and Education has resources on serving that population.