

McKinney Vento

Voices

Capturing the voices of our Youth and Families



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Welcome!

McKinney-Vento Voices Series

About the Series

Through this series we will be highlighting different groups of stakeholders to hear their perspective of McKinney-Vento and how they interact with McKinney-Vento Students and families. Through this series we will build educational awareness to prompt sensitivity and build relationships with all stakeholder groups.



→ Students and Parents

Voices of McKinney- Vento Students and Parents

How to tell the McKinney-Vento story to build
Awareness and Sensitivity in your District and
Community.



The Story

My Superpower is Invisibility

15 year old, student, Wisconsin



Why do we need the voices?



To tell the story of our McKinney-Vento Students without them physically here

The experiences of youth and families is vital to serving students at risk of becoming homeless or that are currently homeless. The experiences they share can help to guide serves, policies and laws.

Gather the Voices*

*Be sure to get informed constant including a conversation of how their story could be shared, to where, and for how long. Also, ask them how they would like to acknowledge, if at all.

→ Start with their Why
Were there barriers they ran into? Were they frustrated? Did they have one person who made access to education easy?

→ Ask open ended questions
If you could thank a person who supported you who would you thank and why?
If you could spend 10 minutes with people in power what would you tell them?

→ Follow through
Be sure to edit, format, publish, etc. if you say you are going to.

Media to collect



Video

Create video or include the Voices in a video training.

Audio

Create an Audio only file of them reading or telling their story

Written

Will likely be your most common. These can be stories, essays, poem, lyrics, etc.

Picture

A picture is worth 1000 words, an image could tell a whole story or accompany a written piece

Artwork

A drawing, mosaic, painting. something made by a young child or an adult.

Share the Voices



TRAININGS
COMMUNITY MEETINGS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HOUSING PARTNERS
POLICY/LAW MAKERS

Build sensitivity
Build awareness
Broaden Scope
Collaborate with purpose
Make change



My
Superpower
is Invisibility

Impact: How “My Superpower is Invisibility” changed a District

Classroom

One teacher change classroom practices

Department (English)

the Department incorporated new policies

Superintendent

Looked for school reform

Member Portal

The screenshot shows the NAEHCY Membership Application form. At the top left is the NAEHCY logo (National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth). Navigation links include HOME, ABOUT, COVID-19, and RESOURCES. The main heading is "NAEHCY Membership Application" with a sub-heading "Thank you for your interest in joining NAEHCY! Please complete this application." The form fields include: Name (First and Last), Position title, Organization/School Name, and Address (Address Line 1 and Address Line 2).

<https://naehcy.org/naehcy-membership-application/>

→ Presentation Recording

→ Examples

Complete Poem

My Superpower is Invisibility

I blend into the crowd
It's easier this way
No one knows
No one asks

Permission Form Template

One Page Guide

The screenshot shows the "Sharing Voices: Permission Form" template. It features the NAEHCY logo and the title "Sharing Voices: Permission Form (Written and Recorded)". The form includes a paragraph explaining the importance of the user's voice and a section for giving permission for a specific piece or project to be used and shared.

The screenshot shows the "GATHERING VOICES PROCESS" One Page Guide. It features a blue header with the title "GATHERING VOICES PROCESS" and a sub-heading "These steps are used to gather words and stories from Students and Families". The first step is "1 Identify" with the sub-heading "As you work with students or". An illustration of a notebook and pens is shown on the right.

→ Additional Resources/Examples as they are shared

Continuous addition of examples and best practices: info@naehcy.org

Thank you!



Storytelling: A Campaign to Promote Awareness and Sensitivity

NAEH CY is gathering voices and experiences of youth and families that have experienced homelessness.