



National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) to Host 36th Annual Conference with Over 2,500 Attendees

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November 12, 2024 – The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) is convening one of its largest annual conferences ever, bringing together over 2,500 in-person and virtual attendees from across the nation. The conference will take place from November 16-19, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando in Orlando, Florida.

The conference theme – *NAEHCY Now / NAEHCY Next* – honors the organization’s rich history of advocacy and support while throwing focus onto NAEHCY’s aim of broadening its impact through generating and synthesizing new ideas, encouraging advocacy, and highlighting exemplary models of positive change (for the unhoused) throughout the country.

This year's conference boasts one of the biggest gatherings in NAEHCY’s 36-year history. It promises to be an action-packed event featuring:

A full-day pre-conference on Saturday, November 16th: This pre-conference will offer in-depth training opportunities for attendees to delve deeper into specific topics.

Two and a half days of dynamic keynotes and breakout sessions (November 17-19): Nationally recognized speakers, leaders, educators, and advocates Brandon Fleming, Jennifer Friend, Dr. William Lamb, Michelle Perdue, and Dr. Travis Wright will deliver five inspirational, informative [keynote addresses](#). Attendees can expect a rich schedule of breakout sessions, and presentations designed to equip educators, advocates, and stakeholders with the tools and knowledge they need to better serve children and youth experiencing homelessness.

Critical updates from federal partners: NAEHCY will welcome representatives from key federal agencies who will share crucial information and updates on policies and programs impacting homeless education.

Networking opportunities: The conference will provide ample space and dedicated time for attendees to connect with colleagues, share best practices, and build lasting relationships.

NAEHCY Awards and NAEHCY Scholars Program: Eight college scholars receiving 2025 scholarship monies and participating in professional development will be in attendance. The 2024 NAEHCY Awards will include the McKinney-Vento Liaison of the Year, the State Coordinator of the Year, and two Lifetime Achievement Award recipients.

CEU-eligible sessions: All conference sessions are approved for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), allowing attendees to earn professional development credits

"We are thrilled to welcome such a large and diverse group of dedicated professionals to this year's conference," said Deirdre Lynch Nicholson, Executive Director of NAEHCY. "This conference presents a unique opportunity for educators, advocates, and stakeholders to come together, share experiences, and learn from each other as we work collaboratively to ensure all children experiencing homelessness have access to a quality education."

The conference will also feature an expo hall with 36 exhibitors showcasing innovative products, services, and resources designed to support the McKinney-Vento Liaison community and the educational needs of homeless children and youth.

[Click here](#) for more information about *NAEHCY Now / NAEHCY Next*.

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About NAEHCY

The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) is the leading national organization working to ensure the educational equity of homeless children and youth. NAEHCY provides professional development, technical assistance, and advocacy support to educators, policymakers, and advocates at the federal, state, and local levels. Learn more at naehcy.org.

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