

2025 State Coordinator Survey Key Findings

McKinney-Vento State Coordinators assessed their most urgent needs and priorities.

Technical Assistance Needs

Each rated how often they receive requests for assistance across 14 key areas.

96%

McKinney-Vento Transportation

Nearly all ranked transportation as requested "all the time" or "frequently," and 73% named it their "state's most pressing issue." 92%

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

The second most frequently requested technical assistance issue across all states (small, medium, and large) is concerns with unaccompanied youth.

85%

Identification and Enrollment

Without access to proper identification, eligible students cannot access vital McKinney-Vento services and protections.

Professional Development Priorities

Each rated the importance of 11 topics for their state's McKinney-Vento stakeholders.

73%

Promising Practices for Attendance

Nearly three-quarters rated attendance interventions as "Critical" or "Very Important."

58%

Support for Migrant/Refugee Students

The overlap between migration status and housing instability creates eligibility challenges requiring specialized knowledge.

58%

Trauma-Informed Approaches

Housing instability compounds other adverse childhood experiences, making trauma-informed practices essential for support.

Key finding: Post-pandemic attendance recovery remains particularly challenging for students experiencing homelessness.

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State Size Correlations

Results revealed patterns based on size of state homeless student population.

Small States

fewer than 20,000 homeless students

More emphasis on basic training needs:

- Higher prioritization of McKinney-Vento 101 (33.3% rate as critical)
- Focus on cross-systems youth and foster care (40% rate as critical)

Medium States

20,000-70,000 homeless students

Most diverse in needs and experience:

- Transportation less overwhelmingly critical than in small or large states
- Highest percentage of new coordinators (50% with 0-3 years) and highest percentage of very experienced coordinators (25% with 15+ years)

Large States

100,000+ homeless students

Uniquely report high frequency of requests for:

- Early Childhood Education (100%)
- McKinney-Vento Data Collection and Submission (100%)

Barriers and Opportunities

Coordinators identified operational challenges that might hinder implementation.

- 1. **Resource Allocation Constraints:** 54% (all small, medium states) cite resource allocation and funding limitations as "critical" or "frequent" needs.
- 2. **Cross-System Coordination**: Intersections with special education, foster care, migrant education create complex eligibility determinations and challenges.
- 3. **Data Analysis for Program Effectiveness:** 54% (including both large states) identified data analysis training as a "critical" or "very important" growth space.
- 4. **Professional Development Delivery Limitations:** 73% expressed high interest in participating in regional NAEHCY professional development offerings.
- 5. **Potential for Regional Collaboration:** Challenges vary by size of state student population, suggesting opportunity for sharing best practices.

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