38TH ANNUAL NAEHCY CONFERENCE

2026 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Pathways With Promise: Centering Students, Strengthening Systems

Updated October 25, 2026 with final room assignments and general session details

- OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 3, 2026
- GAYLORD OPRYLAND RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER
- NASHVILLE, TN

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 31, 2026 | PRE-CONFERENCE

TIME	SESSION / EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 am – 4:30 pm	Registration	Tennessee Lobby A
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	**Pre-Conference Morning Sessions**	
	Educational Stability and Success for Students in Foster Care: An Overview of the Title I-A Requirements Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Tennessee AB
	From Policy to Practice: Trauma-Informed Professional Development for School Staff Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Delta B
	McKinney-Vento 101: From Identification to Implementation Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Delta C
	Serving and Supporting Unaccompanied Youth Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Tennessee C
	Strengthening Professional Development Through Storytelling: A Film-Based Approach to Support McKinney-Vento Programs NO CE CREDITS Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Delta D
	Two Hats, One Mission: The Overlap of Foster Care Points of Contact and McKinney-Vento Liaisons Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Tennessee DE
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch Break – On Your Own	
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	**Pre-Conference Afternoon Sessions**	
	Connecting with Teachers to Support Students Experiencing Homelessness Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Delta B

TIME	SESSION / EVENT	LOCATION
	Families as Partners: Centering Parent Voice in McKinney-Vento Implementation Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Delta C
	Rooted in Care: Innovative Approaches to Supporting Students in Transition Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Delta D
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	McKinney-Vento State Coordinator Session INVITATION ONLY NO CE CREDITS Track: Leadership & Systems Change	Ryman Ballroom AD

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

TIME	SESSION / EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 am – 4:30 pm	Registration	Tennessee Lobby A
10:00 am – 5:15 pm	Exhibits	Tennessee Ballroom
7:15 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast	Delta A Lobby
9:00 am – 10:30 am	★ Opening General Session: Conference Welcome and Keynote NO CE CREDITS	Delta A
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	**Concurrent Sessions 1**	
	Battling Chronic Absenteeism: Solutions that WORK Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 10
	Beyond Enrollment-What Unaccompanied Youth Need from School Liaisons & Leaders Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 11
	Beyond Referrals: Cross-Sector Collaboration to Bridge Gaps for Families Experiencing Homelessness Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Ryman Studio 15
	Beyond the Liaison: Building a Comprehensive McKinney-Vento Support Team Track: Educational Access and Achievement	Magnolia Mezzanine 8
	Bridge to Understanding: Simulating Poverty, Building Empathy, and Increasing Identification Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 12
	Complex Cases, Confident Decisions: Navigating the Gray Area in Federal Law Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Ryman Studio 16-18
	From Compliance to Connection - The Connected Framework for Student Belonging Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Ryman Studio 1-2
	From Partnership to Practice: Colorado's Postsecondary Collaboration Model Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Magnolia Mezzanine 22

TIME	SESSION / EVENT	LOCATION
	Project Engagement: Identifying, Connecting, and Elevating Every Student Track: Access to Services and Systems Navigation	Magnolia Mezzanine 5-6
	Transportation for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Ryman Ballroom AD
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	★ **Luncheon General Session: Panel Discussion** NO CE CREDITS	Delta A
2:15 pm – 3:30 pm	**Concurrent Sessions 2**	
	Building a Supportive Campus: Meeting Student Basic Needs and Enhancing Access and Retention. Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 8
	Did Everyone Do Their Part? Realigning School-Family Outreach Before a Dispute Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Ryman Studio 16-18
	Every Route Has a Story: Preserving Educational Stability Through McKinney-Vento Transportation NO CE CREDITS Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 5-6
	Leveraging Managed Care Organizations to Support Transitional Youth with Case Management Services in Collaborative Schools Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Ryman Studio 1-2
	McKinney-Vento 201: Using Data to Enhance Program Implementation Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Ryman Ballroom AD
	Nevada's Next Era: Using Research to Elevate Practice Track: Research and Evidence	Magnolia Mezzanine 12
	Practical Strategies to Increase Attendance for Students Experiencing Homelessness Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 10
	Serving and supporting unaccompanied youth: Lessons learned from a Virginia study Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 9
	Strengthening School Supports for Students Living with Kinship Caregivers Track: Access to Services and Systems Navigation	Magnolia Mezzanine 11
	McKinney-Vento State Coordinators Peer Exchange INVITATION ONLY NO CE CREDITS Track: Leadership & Systems Change	Magnolia Mezzanine 22
	Stitching Hope: A Trauma-Informed, Hands-On Approach to Building Resilience, Regulation, and Connection Track: Mental, Social, and Emotional Well-Being	Ryman Studio 15
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm	**Concurrent Sessions 3**	
	Belonging Without Borders: Serving Refugee and English Learner Students Through Housing Instability Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 12

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	Community Resources Matter Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 22
	Effective Human Trafficking Prevention Strategies within Youth Experiencing Homelessness Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 11
	Empowering Communities, Expanding Impact: The Continued Growth of the Bright Futures Marion Affiliate Program Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Magnolia Mezzanine 9
	From Grants to HEART House: Funding McKinney-Vento Through Community Partnerships Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Ryman Studio 1-2
	Inspiration to Action: Strengthening Stakeholders Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Ryman Ballroom AD
	Mattering Through Leadership: Enhancing Postsecondary Support for Students with Foster Care and Homelessness Histories Track: Research and Evidence	Magnolia Mezzanine 10
	More Than a Bus Route: The Critical Role of Transportation in Homeless Education Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Ryman Studio 16-18
	Little Voice, Big Needs: Collaborative Conversations about Early Childhood Homelessness Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Ryman Studio 15
	The case for Homeless Diversion when working with schools and other student-based organizations Track: Access to Services and Systems Navigation	Magnolia Mezzanine 5-6
	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Seniors: Navigating the In-Between of Now and What Comes Next Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Magnolia Mezzanine 7
	US ED Cross-Systems Listening Session Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Magnolia Mezzanine 8
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm	**Line Dancing Class** FEATURED	Tennessee Ballroom
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	**NAEHCY Annual Meeting** FEATURED NO CE CREDITS	Magnolia Mezzanine 15-16
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm	**Annual Member Reception** FEATURED	District Pavillion

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 2, 2026

TIME	SESSION / EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration	Tennessee Lobby A
10:00 am – 5:15 pm	Exhibits	Tennessee Ballroom
7:15 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast	Delta A Lobby

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9:00 am – 10:30 am	★ **Morning General Session: NAEHCY Updates & Professional Recognition Awards**	Delta A
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	**Concurrent Sessions 4**	
	Boosting Resilience for Youth Experiencing Homelessness through Small Group Interventions Track: Mental, Social, and Emotional Well-Being	Ryman Studio 16-18
	Breaking Barriers - Davenport Schools Approach to Serving Unhoused Students & Families Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 8
	Common Education for Homeless Children & Youth (EHCY) Monitoring Findings and How to Avoid Them Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Ryman Ballroom AD
	Dignity by Design: Scaling Holistic Resource Delivery for Students Experiencing Homelessness NO CE CREDITS Track: Access to Services and Systems Navigation	Ryman Studio 15
	Early Childhood Homelessness in Pennsylvania: A Framework for Action Track: Access to Services and Systems Navigation	Magnolia Mezzanine 12
	Effective Human Trafficking Prevention Strategies within Youth Experiencing Homelessness Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 11
	From Compliance to Connection - The Connected Framework for Student Belonging Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Ryman Studio 1-2
	From Compliance to Connection: Building Equitable Systems for Students Experiencing Homelessness Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Magnolia Mezzanine 5-6
	Learn to Build a Grassroots Statewide Advocacy Network of McKinney-Vento Liaisons Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 7
	Leveraging Title I-A Set-Asides to Improve Outcomes for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Track: Educational Access and Achievement	Magnolia Mezzanine 10
	Pathways to Higher Education: NAEHCY Postsecondary Committee Initiatives & Impact Track: Educational Access and Achievement	Magnolia Mezzanine 9
	Student-Centered Solutions: Tools and Strategies for Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 22
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	★ **Luncheon General Session: NAEHCY Scholarship Awards and Keynote** NO CE CREDITS	Delta A
2:15 pm – 3:30 pm	**Concurrent Sessions 5**	

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	Battling Chronic Absenteeism: Solutions that WORK Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 10
	Beyond District Boundaries: How Schools Collaborated to Build a McKinney-Vento Co-op to Reduce Barriers Track: Access to Services and Systems Navigation	Magnolia Mezzanine 11
	Beyond the Numbers: Uncovering Hidden Patterns in Student Homelessness Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Ryman Studio 1-2
	Connecting the Dots: Collaborative Practices for Graduation and Post Secondary Success for At-Risk Youth Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Magnolia Mezzanine 5-6
	Educational tools and strategies for preparing school staff to address the criminalization of youth experiencing homelessness Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Ryman Studio 15
	Getting to Graduation: Supporting Unaccompanied Homeless Youth With Attendance and Credit Success Coaching Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Ryman Ballroom AD
	More Than a Bus Route: The Critical Role of Transportation in Homeless Education Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Ryman Studio 16-18
	Power in Partnership: Expanding McKinney-Vento Impact Through District and University Internships Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 7
	Rural Transportation; Driving through the barrier of transportation by giving options for Districts to consider Track: Access to Services and Systems Navigation	Magnolia Mezzanine 8
	When Life Gives You Lemons But No Kitchen To Make Lemonade NO CE CREDITS Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 9
	Using local resources to Strengthen your McKinney Vento Program Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 12
	What's Hot on the Hill: A Federal Policy and Advocacy Update Track: Educational Access and Achievement	Magnolia Mezzanine 22
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm	**Concurrent Sessions 6**	
	"What's the Plan?": Turning IEP Knowledge into Advocacy Power Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Magnolia Mezzanine 11
	Beyond the Numbers: Using Data Walks to Drive Change Track: Research and Evidence	Ryman Studio 1-2
	Building a Supportive Campus: Meeting Student Basic Needs and Enhancing Access and Retention. Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 8
	Developing tools shaped by families and educators: Listening to caregivers, students, and school staff Track: Research and Evidence	Magnolia Mezzanine 9

TIME	SESSION / EVENT	LOCATION
	Educational Stability and Success for Students in Foster Care: Advanced Strategies for Improving Student Outcomes Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Magnolia Mezzanine 10
	Analyzing the McKinney-Vento Act Across School Districts NO CE CREDITS Track: Research and Evidence	Ryman Ballroom AD
	Getting The Most Students Through The College Doors Track: Educational Access and Achievement	Ryman Studio 16-18
	It Takes Two Systems: A Two-Generation Approach to Student Success and Family Stability Track: Access to Services and Systems Navigation	Ryman Studio 15
	No Money? No Problem! Learn how to create funding opportunities for your program Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 22
	Systems to Support: Streamlining Structure Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 12
	The Adult a Child Can Trust: Building Emotional Safety for Students Experiencing Homelessness Track: Mental, Social, and Emotional Well-Being	Magnolia Mezzanine 5-6
	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Seniors: Navigating the In-Between of Now and What Comes Next Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Magnolia Mezzanine 7
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	**Silent Dance Party** FEATURED	Tennessee Ballroom

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

TIME	SESSION / EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 am – 11:00 am	Registration	Tennessee Lobby A
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Exhibits	Tennessee Ballroom
7:15 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast	Delta A Lobby
9:00 am – 10:30 am	★ **Closing General Session and Keynote** NO CE CREDITS	Delta A
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	**Concurrent Sessions 7**	
	A Comprehensive School-Based Approach to Supporting Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 12
	The Transformation Roadmap: Four Connections That Strengthen MV Student Success NO CE CREDITS Track: Educational Access and Achievement	Ryman Studio 1-2
	Building a Pathway of Peace by Piece Track: Mental, Social, and Emotional Well-Being	Ryman Studio 16-18

TIME	SESSION / EVENT	LOCATION
	Built Different: Systems, Strategy, and Support for First-Year McKinney-Vento Liaisons Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Ryman Studio 15
	Early Access, Lasting Impact: Prioritizing Preschool Enrollment Under McKinney-Vento Track: Educational Access and Achievement	Magnolia Mezzanine 8
	From the Ground Up: Youth Leading the Way NO CE CREDITS Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Magnolia Mezzanine 11
	McKinney-Vento Training: Inspiring Your Staff to Give a HOOT! Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 10
	Response to Typhoon Halong Track: Effective Practices and Implementation	Magnolia Mezzanine 5-6
	Healing While Hustling: Understanding the Emotional Load Behind Student Survival Track: Vulnerable Youth and Cross-System Collaboration	Magnolia Mezzanine 7

LEGEND Keynote / General Session · Featured Event · Meal / Break

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Session titles, room assignments, and learning tracks reflect the conference schedule updated October 25, 2026. Minor changes may occur; the conference app will reflect the most current details on site. All times are listed in Central Time (CT). For registration questions, contact naehcyregistration@spargoinc.com.