

HOMELESS EDUCATION

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Dates to Consider

August 20th

[New Liaison: Welcome to McKinney Vento Liaison Role](#)

October 5th – 9th

[NAEHCY National Conference-Registration](#)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Children and youth experiencing homelessness face unique barriers to accessing and succeeding in school. Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq.; hereafter *the McKinney-Vento Act*) guarantees educational rights and support for students experiencing homelessness, including specific support for unaccompanied youth. Every LEA/Charter must designate a liaison for students experiencing homelessness and provide support, services and immediate education to those children, youth and families. The McKinney Vento Act is a federal law that supersedes conflicting state laws or local policies.

To read the Act in it's entirety, click [here](#).



The Homeless Education Program would like to introduce Patsy Rethore-Larson. Patsy is an Early Childhood Education Specialist at ADE and will be supporting our Homeless Education Program by providing guidance on strategies to best serve our preschool-aged children. We value her years of experience and look forward to a collaborative partnership with ECE.

HIGHLIGHTS



SchoolHouse Connections: Removing Barriers to Online Enrollment for Students Experiencing Homelessness

The divisions valued partner, SchoolHouse Connections, has released a checklist to help LEAs review barriers that may be presented with online enrollment and gives valuable strategies for addressing them. Please use this checklist with your online enrollment system and remove any barrier that a homeless family or student could encounter. You can download the checklist [here](#).

New Changes Coming to Pima County Service Provider

Youth on Their Own (Y.O.T.O.) is a dropout prevention program that supports the high school graduation and continued success of homeless, unaccompanied youth in Pima County. YOTO recently sent out a letter to their contacts and referral partners. The letter states that YOTO has made changes to their enrollment criteria to meet the following 4 criteria:

- ***Attend 6th - 12th grade***
- ***Be on their own, through no fault of their own***
- ***Student is experiencing homelessness of some kind***
- ***Student is unaccompanied***

Foster care students do not strictly meet the last 2 criteria; thus, many foster care students will no longer be eligible for YOTO services. If there is another circumstance such as kinship placements or students awaiting placement and their basic needs cannot be met by their current living arrangement, students would still be encouraged to apply for services.

If there are any questions, please reach out to Daniela Figueroa, Director of Programs @ dfigueroa@yoto.org . YOTO's website is: <https://yoto.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations to the McKinney Vento subgrant recipients. The following link shows the LEA recipients and their awards for FY 20-22 : [McKinney Vento Subgrant Recipients](#)
- NCHE (National Center for Homeless Education) offers ongoing live webinars to assist with many questions and McKinney Vento 101 topics. They are updated frequently and include valuable handouts. Check them out! <https://nche.ed.gov/group-training/>

Topics include:

- *Understanding Doubled Up*
- *McKinney Vento School Selection Rights*

➤ *Understanding the Rights of McKinney-Vento Students*

- You can also download FREE resources such as posters for schools, handouts, booklets from NCHE. The download link is: <https://nche.ed.gov/downloads/> . To order some of these products for free, only one time a year, per LEA. Order form can be found here: <https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=5f10761103e2b311a4678eb4>
- Maricopa County residents now have COVID Crisis Rental Assistance. You can find more information by visiting: <https://www.maricopa.gov/5583/COVID-Crisis-Rental-Assistance>

Thank you to the wonderful team of LEA Liaisons that have been consistently sharing their resources and information to the group/team! Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!