

**McKinney-Vento Updates – December 2024  
November was Homeless Youth Awareness & Action Month**November 1st marked the start of Homeless Youth Awareness and Action Month bringing attention to the important issue of youth homelessness across the state and the nation.  If you and your team hosted events for Homeless Youth Awareness month please share photos, press releases and summaries in the following [Google folder](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1IPQsDGWlUDi8TlzyGNUIRoi8ynlIRgR-?usp=drive_link).   
  
The Colorado Department of Education and other state agencies wore green on November 12th, participated in a basic needs drive and presented at the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Conference. Please share with your peers how you celebrated by sharing in the [Google folder](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1IPQsDGWlUDi8TlzyGNUIRoi8ynlIRgR-?usp=drive_link).

**Highly Mobile Youth Professionals Peer-to-Peer Call**The December 10th Peer-to-Peer call on the topic of exploring unconscious bias is being **postponed to Tuesday, January 14th** and will be extended to two hours. If you are interested in attending this optional virtual event, please [register here.](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtc-Cpqz4jE9SAD-WnwoQ6xzL-67aVyIr_)

**Resources Spotlight-Early Childhood**

* **For Early Childhood Providers:**Are you a Head Start/Early Head Start, Early Intervention, Home Visiting, or Child Care provider? Learn how you can play a crucial role in mitigating the effects of homelessness through education, partnerships, and tailored services.
  + [Supporting Infants, Toddlers, and Families Experiencing Homelessness: Strategies for Early Childhood Development Providers](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.everyaction.com%2Fk%2F96086469%2F508862381%2F-1617240743%3Fnvep%3Dew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNi8xLzk2NTIyIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjg3ZjY1OTNjLTFjOTYtZWYxMS04OGNlLTAwMGQzYTk4ZmE2YiIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ3VtaW5hX3BAY2RlLnN0YXRlLmNvLnVzIg0KfQ%253D%253D%26hmac%3DTe90CbEZAjJf72gDt-zxjN84dGzJYzvS4kxkTP6ApkA%3D%26emci%3Dbca8f135-1c96-ef11-88ce-000d3a98fa6b%26emdi%3D87f6593c-1c96-ef11-88ce-000d3a98fa6b%26ceid%3D11624390&data=05%7C02%7Cgumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7C8789947e9d8f4da4167d08dcf840332a%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638658201904978260%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cqZUnz2QyH%2FhddLgjyhoCJyFTUpY%2Fm3gSQpUUsxIH8E%3D&reserved=0)
* **For K12 Liaisons:** Homeless liaisons have a responsibility under the McKinney-Vento Act to identify and refer younger children to early learning programs and are uniquely positioned to make those connections, but it can be difficult to know where to start. It can also be difficult to locate your early childhood partners and understand which program(s) a child might be eligible for. Use the resources below to help guide your efforts.
  + [Referring Young Children to Early Childhood Development Programs: Checklist for Liaisons](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.everyaction.com%2Fk%2F96086470%2F508862382%2F-38535167%3Fnvep%3D%26hmac%3D%26emci%3D3ebab296-185b-ef11-991a-6045bddbfc4b%26emdi%3Dea000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001%26ceid%3D%26nvep%3Dew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNi8xLzk2NTIyIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjg3ZjY1OTNjLTFjOTYtZWYxMS04OGNlLTAwMGQzYTk4ZmE2YiIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ3VtaW5hX3BAY2RlLnN0YXRlLmNvLnVzIg0KfQ%253D%253D%26hmac%3DTe90CbEZAjJf72gDt-zxjN84dGzJYzvS4kxkTP6ApkA%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cgumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7C8789947e9d8f4da4167d08dcf840332a%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638658201905014514%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=691UswSXSusDP9TtmEJMPDc680nKsjHvgDBLjqep6GY%3D&reserved=0)  
    [Connecting our Youngest Children to Early Childhood Partners](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.everyaction.com%2Fk%2F96086471%2F508862383%2F380975388%3Fnvep%3Dew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNi8xLzk2NTIyIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjg3ZjY1OTNjLTFjOTYtZWYxMS04OGNlLTAwMGQzYTk4ZmE2YiIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ3VtaW5hX3BAY2RlLnN0YXRlLmNvLnVzIg0KfQ%253D%253D%26hmac%3DTe90CbEZAjJf72gDt-zxjN84dGzJYzvS4kxkTP6ApkA%3D%26emci%3Dbca8f135-1c96-ef11-88ce-000d3a98fa6b%26emdi%3D87f6593c-1c96-ef11-88ce-000d3a98fa6b%26ceid%3D11624390&data=05%7C02%7Cgumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7C8789947e9d8f4da4167d08dcf840332a%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638658201905048296%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=GT9DjIDPa9hXGNCbUMV01V%2BKpjOCog1d4s3FXsePIQQ%3D&reserved=0)

**Resources Spotlight-Financial Aid**

* Bookmark this comprehensive [FAFSA webpage](https://schoolhouseconnection.org/fafsa?emci=e5aadfaa-125b-ef11-991a-6045bddbfc4b&emdi=d0c06373-c96a-ef11-991a-6045bdd9e096&ceid=11624390) from SchoolHouse Connection
* Join **Colorado State University (CSU) on Tuesday, December 3rd from 1:00-2:00** for a virtual session about [Financial Aid](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcolostate.az1.qualtrics.com%2Fjfe%2Fform%2FSV_cHlxbY5FIwG9YI6&data=05%7C02%7CGumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7Cf7b8834e56154f0119f308dd0b6fe371%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638679297400768395%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MzguGjyeLRTO05rmV38wDNcNzvJ6ZbHtrKUQIbgM4qs%3D&reserved=0) to learn opportunities to afford college. The Educational Opportunity Center at CSU will discuss the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). Learn from Fostering Success Program students from independent backgrounds about scholarships, FosterEd, and EmpowerEd. Register for the session at [https://colostate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_cHlxbY5FIwG9YI6](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcolostate.az1.qualtrics.com%2Fjfe%2Fform%2FSV_cHlxbY5FIwG9YI6&data=05%7C02%7CGumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7Cf7b8834e56154f0119f308dd0b6fe371%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638679297400794874%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1SxwI%2Bpkyh6Lb0jCLHBuCgXRzEUxPtks%2BIWycIWqTrI%3D&reserved=0).
* Join the **U.S. Department of Education on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024**, as they host a free one-day virtual event! This live webinar series will guide you through submitting the 2025–26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form and is tailored for both independent and dependent students. **This event is for students, parents, and college/career professionals.**

**Please consider completing this brief, optional, 10-minute, SchoolHouse Connection Survey concerning the importance of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act in your work.** [**This brief voluntary survey**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.everyaction.com%2Fk%2F95585927%2F507213546%2F1950283556%3Fnvep%3Dew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNi8xLzk2NTIyIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogImNjOTk4YWI3LWE0OTAtZWYxMS04NDc0LTAwMGQzYTk4ZmE2YiIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ3VtaW5hX3BAY2RlLnN0YXRlLmNvLnVzIg0KfQ%253D%253D%26hmac%3D__4E7rJnEYNoQbZuD4BRtkemC2g53NsHdnZTme0X72Y%3D%26emci%3Dc5998ab7-a490-ef11-8474-000d3a98fa6b%26emdi%3Dcc998ab7-a490-ef11-8474-000d3a98fa6b%26ceid%3D11624390&data=05%7C02%7Cgumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7C2413fa546c1846e2b3f208dcf2c8b0b8%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638652191026515775%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qzbO1c9eSSHIRVYPWgBwDruLplw4IndhUqOShYopI8Y%3D&reserved=0) **closes on Friday, December 13.**

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