



McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Updates – May 2024

House Bill 24-1403: Financial Aid for Students Experiencing Homelessness

The financial assistance program for students experiencing homelessness was signed into Colorado state law on April 29, 2024, to increase access to postsecondary education for students who have experienced homelessness in Colorado during high school. Please review the [complete law](#) and connect with your academic school counselors to ensure students are aware of their opportunities to pursue postsecondary education.

National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) Conference

The NAEHCY Conference is the leading professional development opportunity for school and district professionals working with McKinney-Vento eligible youth. Please consider prioritizing this opportunity to network, learn and share with peers from across the country. The NAEHCY Conference is being held Sunday, November 17 – Tuesday, November 19th in Orlando, FL with a virtual option available as well. [Registration opens today, Monday, May 13th!](#)

Highly Mobile Youth Professionals Peer-to-Peer Conversations

Thank you for staying engaged in our monthly Peer-to-Peer conversations! Our next peer-to-peer will be hosted on Tuesday, May 14th from 11:30 am -12:30pm. This month we will be creating an open forum to ask questions, discuss with peers and share best practices. [Click here to join us.](#)

In **April** we were joined by Jacqueline Chavez from the Out-of-School Time team at CDE who engaged us in learning and discussion about summer programming. If you were not able to attend, please consider reviewing the [slides](#) or watching the [recording](#) for more information about supporting students through summer programs and community partnership.

Professional Development on Family Engagement

The Rocky Mountain Family Engagement Collective is excited to offer a virtual learning opportunity in fall 2024 for youth serving professionals who want to learn more about creating inclusive and welcoming school environments and empowering families as partners in their child's education. Please see the following [flyer](#) with more information and to sign-up.

Nutrition Services

This summer, both the [Summer Food Service Program](#) and [Summer EBT](#) are available resources to support kids and make sure they have nutritious food all year long. School Nutrition teams may reach out to you to determine eligibility status for students utilizing both of the programs. Thank you for your help in identifying and communicating to nutrition teams so that all students receive the benefits they qualify for!

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