

November 2020

NEW Module Available!

The DPI EHCY team is very excited to announce the release of our third training module: A Deeper Dive into McKinney-Vento! The new module can be found on our [website](#).

Upcoming Webinars

October 29, 11:30 a.m. – Lunch Time Live – The DPI EHCY Team will be continuing the Lunch Time Live Chat Series during the school year. These are times to connect with liaisons and others across the state to share best practices in supporting children and youth experiencing homelessness. During this Lunch Time Live, the DPI EHCY team will briefly introduce a team of colleagues from the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) and offer a way for liaisons to provide feedback on building connections with WTCS to support students experiencing homelessness.

December 8, 9:00 a.m. – DPI Webinar – this will be the second of our quarterly webinars this year. The topic of the webinar will be announced soon.

December 9, 11:30 a.m. – Lunch Time Live

FAFSA Resources

SchoolHouse Connection recently updated their website with [FAFSA information for students, school staff, and higher education](#). Their website includes sample form letters to determine independent student status of unaccompanied homeless youth, as well as strategies to assist youth and information on [how the pandemic has affected FAFSA](#).

Mental Health Law 204

In April 2018, a Wisconsin State Law passed to ensuring that unaccompanied youth can immediately access outpatient mental health services without a parent/guardian signature. While schools continue to be virtual for many students, this may be a time more youth need mental health services. Part of this law includes a 30-day window to petition the Mental Health Resource Office in their county to continue services.

[Wisconsin Act 204 Legislative Memo](#)

Sesame Street In Communities

Elmo has a new message to children and parents experiencing homelessness on the importance of connecting with school for support. The video is on SchoolHouse Connection's [website](#) with other resources and tools for supporting families experiencing homelessness during the pandemic.

Mini Grant Opportunity

The DPI EHCY team will be offering the opportunity for districts around the state to apply for a mini grant. The purpose of the grants is to help districts ensure they are in compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act. This will be a two-year grant beginning in the 2021-22 school year. More information will be available this spring, but districts are encouraged to start thinking about how this grant may support their work.

McKinney-Vento Monitoring

Any district may be monitored for compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act in a year. This school year DPI will be monitoring about 30 school districts. If your district is being monitored, you have already received notification.

We encourage districts to review the monitoring resources even if you will not be monitored this year. All of the resources are on the EHCY [website](#), including the guidance document. Our [Example Forms and Documentation webpage](#) has many resources available for you to use and adapt for your districts.

New Liaison Required Training

Reminder that new liaisons must complete required training by November 6, 2020. All new liaisons and District Administrators received a memo on September 15, 2020 with information on options for required training. This training is also required for homeless liaisons who were updated in the school directory after September 15th. Please let the DPI EHCY team know if you have questions.

Wisconsin Technical College Systems Survey

eBrief Sign-Up

If you know of others who would like to receive this eBrief, please share [this link](#) so they can be added to our mailing list.

New Resources!

[Youth Connection Student Resources](#)

Resources for students experiencing homelessness, created by youth who experienced homelessness.

[Awarding and Accepting Partial Credits](#)

SchoolHouse Connection recently released this guidance for LEAs on awarding and receiving partial credits for students experiencing homelessness.

State Coordinator Corner

Karen and Kristine will continue to work from home through the end of the year. We are still available to answer any questions, via phone or email.

We are presenting virtually a lot this fall and hope to see some of you during these presentations!

Resources

[DPI EHCY website](#)
[NCHE](#)
[NAEHCY](#)
[SchoolHouse Connection McKinney-Vento Act McKinney-Vento Non-Regulatory Guidance](#)

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Kristine and Karen are leading a community of practice with a team of colleagues from the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) and Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners (WECCP). The group is currently exploring the connections homeless liaisons have with their local Technical College. Please [complete this survey](#) on your current connections to the WTCS. Your feedback will guide future professional development opportunities and resources.

A PDF of this eBrief is available on the [DPI EHCY Webpage](#)
A Newsletter from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction,
Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent