



COLORADO
Department of Education

McKinney-Vento - June 2023

Summer Food Programs

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides free breakfast, lunch, snack, and supper to youth in Colorado all summer long. Anyone 18 years of age and younger is welcome to eat a meal with their friends at participating sites throughout the summer. The [free meals location map](#) will be updated weekly throughout the summer with locations. Additional food resources can also be found at [Hunger Free Colorado](#).

See examples of how districts are promoting these opportunities: [Cherry Creek](#)

Are you transitioning out of your role as McKinney-Vento Liaison?

If you are transitioning out of your role as McKinney-Vento Liaison, please reach out to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to let us know. Back-to-school time is an extraordinarily busy time for the McKinney-Vento Liaison, and CDE looks forward to supporting you along the way.

Please update the new liaison's name and contact information using the [Change of District Liaison Request Form](#).

Cathy Ebel, former Grand Junction District 51 McKinney-Vento Liaison is now a contractor with CDE and is available for McKinney-Vento 101 training. If you are interested in connecting with Cathy, please email her at cathyebel65@gmail.com.

Lastly, please make sure to register for the Back-to-School Webinar on August 24th from 2-4pm and the New Liaison Webinar on September 14th from 2-4pm.

Highly Mobile Youth Professionals Peer-to-Peer Call

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the May 11, 2023, Peer-to-Peer Call which covered important reminders and recommended practices for identifying, serving, and supporting highly mobile youth. Please reference the slides for useful resources.

The next Highly Mobile Youth Professionals Peer-to-Peer call will occur **Thursday, June 8th 3:30-4:30pm**. This session will be an open forum to share successes of the past year, gain new ideas for the summer and next school year and get your questions answered.

Student End-of Year Data Collection

Please connect with your district data respondent about the Student End-of-Year data collection and McKinney-Vento Students.

In September, the Colorado Department of Education will be conducting data validation checks for districts:

- Reporting no homeless students
- Removal of homeless designation between October count and 6/30/23
- 5% decrease in identification from October to the End-of Year Collection
- Statistically significant changes from one year to the next

Supporting Universal Pre-school Registration for Highly Mobile Youth

Who is eligible for Universal Pre-K (UPK) Colorado?

- All children in the year before they are eligible for kindergarten (usually 4-year-olds) can receive up to 15 hours of free preschool each week during the school year.
- 4-year-olds with qualifying factors are eligible for 15 more hours, pending available funding, for a total of 30 hours.
- 3-year-olds with qualifying factors are eligible for 10 free hours of preschool each week during the school year.

Qualifying Factors Include:

- Low-income
- Dual language learner — the native language spoken in the child's home is a language other than English, or the child's native language is not English.
- Child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Child who is currently in a foster care home or in non-certified kinship care
- Child who is homeless (including children who are
- migratory)

Local Coordinating organizations – that help coordinate Universal Pre-k in each region of Colorado.

<https://cdec.colorado.gov/colorado-universal-preschool/find-my-lco>

Download flyers in English and Spanish for your region here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1j3Uh1hKam7rMiBZdpdZm7OefJ7OSxqsT?usp=sharing>