

McKinney-Vento- May 2022

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](#).

Guidance from U.S. Department of Education

With many Afghan evacuees being resettled in the United States in recent months, the U.S. Department of Education understands there has been some confusion about the services these students are eligible to receive under title VI, subtitle B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento Act). These services are available to all students who meet the statute's definition of "homeless children and youths," regardless of their citizenship, immigration, refugee, or evacuee status. As defined in section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Act.

Please see the [Dear Colleague Letter](#) from February 7, 2022 which includes links to additional guidance from the U.S. Department of Education. If you have any questions about determining eligibility for McKinney-Vento services to New Americans, please reach out to Gumina_p@cde.state.co.us.

May 2022 Peer-to-Peer Conversation

The May peer-to-peer conversation will be held this **Thursday, May 12th from 11:30 am – 12:30pm**. Like the March conversation, this month CDE will facilitate an open forum for you to discuss timely topics with one another. Please come prepared with questions to engage with your peers. You can [join the call here](#).

Upcoming NCHE Webinars

If your schedule allows, please consider attending a no-cost webinar on the basics of McKinney-Vento offered through the National Center for Homeless Education. NCHE repeats these webinars on a monthly basis. Please see the full list on their website: <https://nche.ed.gov/group-training/>

PAVING THE WAY TO COLLEGE FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 | 2:00PM-3:00PM ET

Register: https://uncg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IQxFVmcGQ6Ojm8nO5qr76Q

Description: In this interactive NCHE webinar, presenters will review important information about supports available to youth experiencing homelessness as they seek to attend college. Attendees can hope to gain a better understanding of:

- Fee waiver options for college entrance exams and college application fees
- The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) process for students experiencing homelessness with their family/parent/guardian, and students experiencing homelessness on their own (unaccompanied homeless youth)



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- Options for seeking financial assistance beyond federal financial aid
 - Options for undocumented youth wishing to attend college

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with presenters and fellow attendees through polls and Q&A/discussion periods.

Handouts: You may download webinar handouts at <https://nche.ed.gov/nche-webinar-materials-paving-the-way-to-college-for-students-experiencing-homelessness/>.

Presenters: NCHE Staff

DETERMINING MCKINNEY-VENTO ELIGIBILITY

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 | 2:00PM-3:00PM ET

Register: https://uncg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xW1qprbyTqKP_9M7Q71nVQ

Description: In this interactive NCHE webinar, presenters will review the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless children and youth, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Presenters will cover:

- McKinney-Vento Act basics and context
- Understanding the dynamics of family and youth homelessness
- The McKinney-Vento definition of homeless
- McKinney-Vento provisions on dispute resolution, including disputes related to eligibility

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with presenters and fellow attendees through polls and Q&A/discussion periods.

Handouts: You may download webinar handouts at <https://nche.ed.gov/determining-eligibility-webinar/>.

Presenters: NCHE Staff