



## McKinney-Vento Updates - November 2023

### November is Homeless Youth Awareness Month

November 1st marked the start of Homeless Youth Awareness Month bringing attention to the important issue of youth homelessness across the state and the nation. In Colorado alone, over 16,000 students lived in shelters, stayed with family or friends, or slept without a roof over their heads during the 2021-22 school year. To learn more about the activities related to homeless youth awareness month happening across the state, the following [toolkit](#) outlines ways to get involved. An easy way to show your support is to wear green on November 16th and post a photo of you, your colleagues, your family, and friends wearing green, to social media with hashtag: #NHYPM and #COyouthhomelessawareness.

### Highly Mobile Youth Professionals Peer-to-Peer Call

Please join us on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am -12:30pm to: engage in a conversation about highly mobile youth populations; share resources, practices, and idea across districts; and deepen understanding and reflect on special topics related to McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Foster Care Education, and the Migrant Education Program.

Presenters from CO – Multi-Tiered Systems of Support will be attending on the 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss some of their work in the San Luis Valley. If you have not received that meeting invitation and you would like to be added please complete this [form](#).

### New Funding Opportunities

The Colorado Division of Housing has released the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Request for Applications (RFA). RFA and application documents can be found on the [Colorado Division of Housing webpage](#). An informational webinar on Thursday 11/16/23. Please see details below:

Thursday, November 16 · 10:00 – 11:00am

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/mez-qbud-vdc>

Or dial: (US) +1 414-909-4836 PIN: 194 296 911#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/mez-qbud-vdc?pin=7711444437016>

The webinar will be recorded and available online if anyone is unable to attend. Applications are Due on 12/8/23.

### Colorado Academic Accelerator Grant Program Request for Stakeholder Engagement

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) seeks input from a variety of stakeholders across Colorado to help develop the new Colorado Academic Accelerator Program grant. The CO-AAP grant is authorized by the “Math In Pre-kindergarten Through Twelfth Grade” law (C.R.S. 22-2-146.6), which was passed in 2023 to support student learning in STEM in community learning centers during out-of-school time programs.

The CO-AAP grant competition is expected to launch by December 15, 2023. Applications will be due February 15, 2024. CDE will award approximately \$24 million in state funds over the three-year grant period. For more information, visit the [CDE CO-AAP webpage](#).

CDE is conducting a survey and virtual focus groups to gather stakeholders’ feedback on key aspects that will help inform the creation of the CO-AAP grant. [Click here to complete the Stakeholder Survey](#). The survey will take no more than 10 minutes to complete and will close on Friday, Nov. 17.

Stakeholder Focus Groups will be offered next week (Nov. 13-17). Each 60-minute session

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will be virtual and not be recorded. Register for a focus group with one of the following links:

- [Monday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m.](#)
- [Monday, Nov. 13, 1 p.m.](#)
- [Tuesday, Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m.](#)
- [Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1 p.m.](#)
- [Student Focus Group Friday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m.](#)

For more information or to ask questions, please email [COAAP@cde.state.co.us](mailto:COAAP@cde.state.co.us)

### Connecting with School Nurses

School Nurses are important partners in the outreach, identification and connection to services and supports for McKinney-Vento eligible students. As you know, McKinney-Vento eligible students have the **right to immediate enrollment even with missing enrollment documents such as immunization records**. McKinney-Vento Liaisons are encouraged to work with their school nurses to help secure the necessary immunizations for students; however, a lack of immunization records cannot get in the way of the McKinney-Vento eligible student from accessing and participating fully in school and school activities. **Please consider reaching out to your school nurse to share what you know about McKinney-Vento and discuss how they can help in supporting McKinney-Vento eligible students.**

### New Early Interventions Videos

Please visit the Colorado Department of Education [McKinney-Vento Training webpage](#) for short videos on McKinney-Vento for different partners in your school or district. New videos were just added to learn more about Early Interventions for young children ages 0-2. The Early Intervention videos are in English and Spanish and provide an overview on Early Intervention services and processes. Please share these resources with the families you work with.

### Medicaid Renewal

Eligible adults and children are required to re-enroll in Medicaid this year. Please review the following [toolkit](#) to support the families you serve in making sure they continue to have access to their Medicaid services.