

HOMELESS ED NEWS

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Dates to Consider

September 21, 2020
[McKinney-Vento.Org](https://www.mckinney-vento.org) Training platform launched! See your email for login and password information.

October 5th – 9th, 2020
[NAEHCY National Conference-Registration](#)

October 15, 2020
12pm-2pm via Zoom
AZ Liaisons Professional Development
[Runaway and Homeless Youth Training- Presented by Safe Place](#)

November 12th – 13th, 2020
Virtual Conference
Arizona Homeless Education State Conference
More information to coming soon!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NCHE upcoming webinars

September

MCKINNEY-VENTO 101: UNDERSTANDING THE RIGHTS OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday, September 09, 2020 | 2:00PM-3:00PM ET

DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR MCKINNEY-VENTO RIGHTS AND SERVICES

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 | 2:00PM-3:00PM ET

MCKINNEY-VENTO SCHOOL SELECTION RIGHTS

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 | 2:00PM-3:00PM ET

October

PAVING THE WAY TO COLLEGE FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Thursday, October 15, 2020 | 2:00PM-3:00PM ET

UNDERSTANDING DOUBLED UP

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 | 2:00PM-3:00PM ET

SUPPORTING THE EDUCATION OF UNACCOMPANIED STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Thursday, October 29, 2020 | 2:00PM-3:00PM ET

The McKinney Vento Act

Children and youth experiencing homelessness face unique barriers to accessing and succeeding in school. Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq.; hereafter the McKinney-Vento Act) guarantees educational rights and support for students experiencing homelessness, including specific support for unaccompanied youth. Every LEA/Charter must designate a liaison for students experiencing homelessness and provide support, services and immediate education to those children, youth and families. The McKinney Vento Act is a federal law that supersedes conflicting state laws or local policies. [Read the Act in its entirety](#)



November:

DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR MCKINNEY-VENTO RIGHTS AND SERVICES

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 | 2:00PM-3:00PM ET

MCKINNEY-VENTO SCHOOL SELECTION RIGHTS

Tuesday, November 11, 2020 | 2:00PM-3:00PM ET

MCKINNEY-VENTO 101: UNDERSTANDING THE RIGHTS OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday, November 19, 2020 | 2:00PM-3:00PM ET

Visit the [National Center for Homeless Education](#) for complete webinar descriptions and to [register](#) for any of the above sessions.

HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWS

- **State Level Dispute Resolutions:** The state level dispute resolution policies are now online and have a fillable PDF for families and LEAs that do not have printers. These PDF forms are at the end of the policy and will allow for users to save the dispute file and email to me as needed. The disputes can be emailed to: homeless@azed.gov or silvia.chavez@azed.gov.
- **Mesa Public Schools Highlighted!** Mesa's FIT program provided chromebooks and hotspots to their homeless families on Channel 12 news. Please take a minute to see their awesome report: [Mesa Public Schools Family Support Network](#)
- **On-Site Learning:** There have been multiple questions around transportation to the "open space" learning centers. Transportation must be provided to McKinney-Vento students who request transportation to school; even during online learning or hybrid learning.
- **IRS Toolkit:** The IRS would like to share this [toolkit](#) to make it easier for you to share information related to the stimulus payments to parents and students.
- **McKinneyVento.Org:** McKinneyVento.Org is taking over for Kickstand training for Arizona Homeless liaisons. The new platform will launch on September 28th. If you have completed the original Kickstand training, you will be automatically enrolled in the level 2. If you did not receive an emailed invitation, then your email is not updated on the Liaison contact list. PLEASE fill out this [form](#) and return to : HOMELESS@azed.gov
- **The CDC developed a [Declaration form](#) to halt evictions to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.** Find the form here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/declaration-form.pdf>

- **Eviction Prevention/ Rental Assistance Preparation:** In preparation for the end of the Eviction Moratorium (which ends October 31st), the state would like to encourage each LEA to identify the resource in your area to refer families. There is additional [rental assistance](#) available through the CARES Act and the money is still available.
- **The State of Arizona has provided Guidance for Tenants.** [Click here](#) to be directed to that information.



Please click on your county in the link below to identify contact information for agencies that offer rental assistance programs. Share that information with your families:
<https://housing.az.gov/general-public/rental-assistance-resources-eviction-prevention>

QUESTIONS FROM THE FIELD



Q. We have an 18-year-old student who is not living with their parents and wants to enroll in high school. What is Arizona’s age limit?

A. Arizona State Law 15-821 **Admission of children; required age.** Unless otherwise provided by Article 1.1 of this chapter or by any other law, all schools shall admit children who are between the ages of 6-22 years of age, who reside in the school district and who meet the requirements for enrollment in one of the grades or programs offered in the school. A school may refuse to admit a child who has graduated from a high school with a recognized diploma.

Considerations: 18-year-old students are adults and can enroll themselves in school. Contacting the biological parent(s) is not required. Every precaution should be considered.

Recommendations: Call the last school of attendance to verify and obtain school credits, previous enrollment paperwork and discipline reports. Use a caregiver affidavit. A [sample affidavit](#) can be found on our website in the LEA Resources-Enrollment section.

Unaccompanied Youth must also meet the homeless definition to receive McKinney-Vento status

1.	The student meets the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless (the student is lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence)		
2.	The student meets the definition of unaccompanied (the student is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian)		
	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Homeless?		Unaccompanied?
		=	Unaccompanied homeless child or youth/ McKinney-Vento eligible
The student is served under McKinney-Vento as an unaccompanied homeless youth.			