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Homelessness: Requirements and Resources

Hot Topics Webinar

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Objectives

◆ Participants will:

- explore requirements in the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act regarding services to families experiencing/at risk for homelessness;
- share strategies to implement requirements; and
- identify resources available to States.

Video Resource

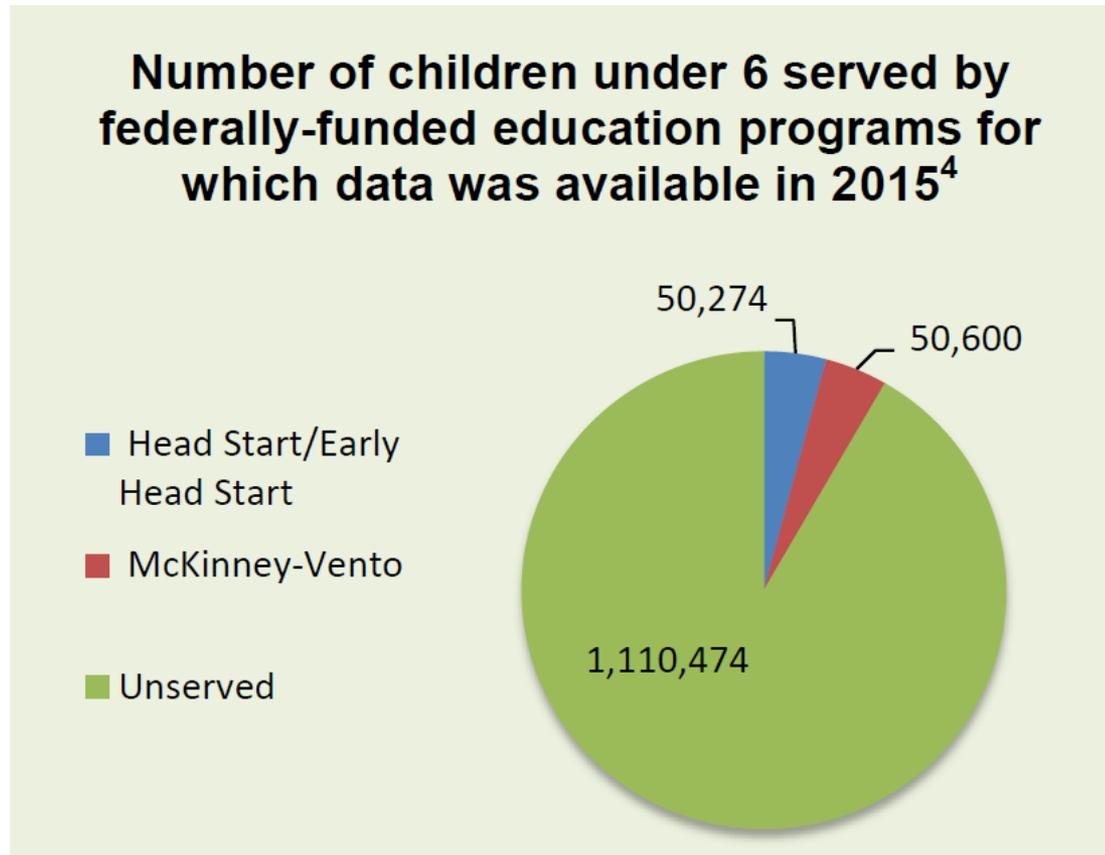
- ◆ Nowhere to Go: Family Homelessness in America
 - By Diane Nilan, HEAR US, Inc. (www.hearus.us)
 - Available at <https://vimeo.com/219862463>

The Impact of Homelessness

- ◆ Experiences of homelessness in early childhood are associated with poor early development and educational well-being.
- ◆ Experiences of homelessness during infancy and toddlerhood are associated with poor academic achievement and engagement and social-emotional delays.

Source: Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2017). *Early childhood homelessness in the United States: 50-state profile*. Retrieved from <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ecl/resource/early-childhood-homelessness-in-the-united-states-50-state-profile>

Early Childhood Homelessness in the United States

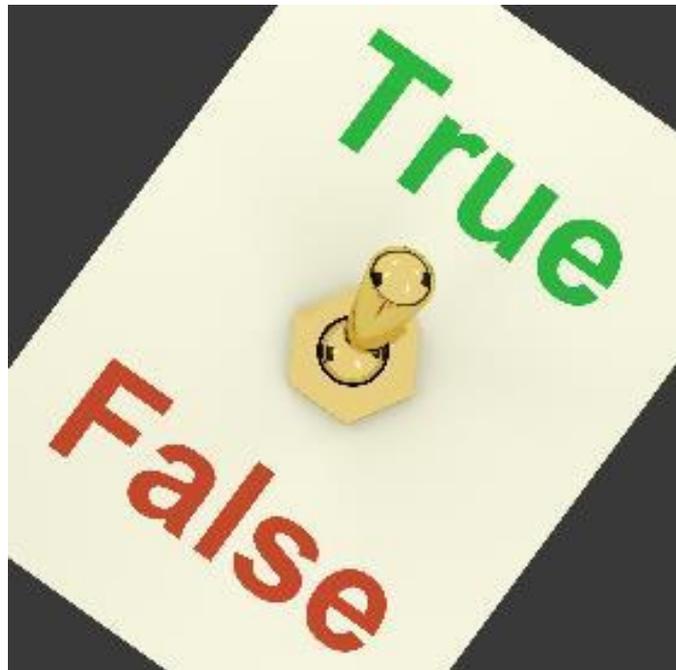


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Survey

- ◆ What are the new requirements in the CCDBG Act and in the CCDF final rule?



Four New CCDF Requirements From the Act

1. Coordinate with agencies responsible for services to children experiencing homelessness.
2. Establish grace periods (including health and safety requirements) to comply with enrollment requirements.
3. Collect data on the number of families experiencing homelessness who are served.
4. Improve access by using funds to:
 - permit enrollment while documentation is obtained;
 - train providers and appropriate Lead Agency staff on identifying and serving children experiencing homelessness; and
 - provide outreach.

Sources: Child Care and Development Fund, 45 C.F.R. § 98 (2016) & Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014, Pub. L. No. 113-186, § 658E(c)(3)(B)(i), 128 Stat. 1971 (2014).

Two New CCDF Requirements From the Final Rule

1. Use the McKinney-Vento Act definition from the Office of Head Start and the U.S. Department of Education (42 U.S.C. § 11434a).
2. Prioritize services to children experiencing homelessness.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

The term “homeless children and youths” means “Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence ... ”

Source: Section 725(2) McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 11434a(2)) (2015).

Reflection

How is your State doing in meeting homelessness requirements?



Coordinate Services to Children Experiencing Homelessness

“No single system can meet all the needs of young children and parents experiencing homelessness.”

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, & U.S. Department of Education. (October 31, 2016). *Policy statement on meeting the needs of families with young children experiencing and at risk of homelessness*. Retrieved from <http://www.researchconnections.org/childcare/resources/33125/pdf>

Collaboration

Successfully meeting the needs of families experiencing homelessness requires a **cross-sector, collaborative, and comprehensive** approach based on **relationships and partnerships** between local housing and early childhood providers.

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State Example

Arkansas

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Partnerships



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Families



Community-Based Organizations



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Early Childhood Education

Drug and Alcohol Abuse
Providers

Division of Child Care
and Early Childhood
Education Professional
Development
Contractors

Arkansas Department of Workforce Services
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Yay Babies! Statewide Focus Group Meeting: Attendees

- ◆ McKinney-Vento state coordinator, local homeless education liaisons
- ◆ NC prekindergarten program
- ◆ Early Head Start/Head Start
- ◆ Children's Development Services Agency (CDSA)
- ◆ Child care providers
- ◆ Legislature-house committee on homelessness
- ◆ Child care regulatory
- ◆ Child care resource and referral (CCR&R)
- ◆ Individuals with Disabilities Act Education Act (IDEA)
- ◆ Child care subsidy program
- ◆ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ◆ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ◆ Homeless service providers
- ◆ Department of Social Services

Chat Room Activity

- ◆ Who have you or could you collaborate with to provide services for families experiencing homelessness?



State and Local Contacts for Services to Families Experiencing Homelessness

◆ Visit the U.S. map at

http://nche.ed.gov/states/state_resources.php.

- Click on a State or the name listed underneath the map to go to the individual state page.
- Under the “State Contact” heading on the top left column of the state page, there is a hyperlink to a liaison directory.
- This information should be updated annually.

Improve Access by Using Funds to Provide Outreach

- ◆ Agreements among agency offices that provide services to families experiencing homelessness to share information
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Women, Infants, and Children; housing authorities
- ◆ CCR&R offices, consumer websites, Head Start/Early Head Start programs
- ◆ Flyers/trainings at establishments/programs in communities that are frequented by families experiencing homelessness
 - Food banks, soup kitchens, shelters, schools, coalitions

Arkansas

- ◆ Conducted community outreach efforts to homeless shelters across the State
- ◆ Assigned staff to various homeless shelters

State Example

Ohio

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Ohio

- ◆ County departments of job and family services conduct outreach to families experiencing homelessness; it includes sharing information about child care services
- ◆ Participates in monthly linkage meetings
- ◆ Project Homeless Connect

Chat Room Activity

- ◆ What innovative strategies have you used to conduct outreach to families experiencing homelessness?



Coming Attraction!



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Parent, Family and Community Engagement

- ◆ Supporting Children and Families Experiencing Homelessness: An Interactive Course for Early Childhood Professionals
 - Designed to increase understanding of how to support children and families based on current Head Start and CCDF regulations
 - Applies to all federally funded early childhood programs, with information unique to Head Start/Early Head Start and CCDF programs
 - Offers real-life practice scenarios in some of the lessons
 - Will be available soon at <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/about-us/article/national-center-parent-family-community-engagement-ncpfce>

Thank You/Next Steps



Resources

Resource Guides

- ◆ The [Birth to 5: Watch Me Thrive! A Housing and Shelter Provider's Guide to Developmental and Behavioral Screening](#) addresses the [importance of developmental and behavioral screening](#), how to talk to parents, where to go for help, and how to select the most appropriate screening tool for the population served as well as the provider implementing the screening.
- ◆ [Early Childhood Homelessness in the United States: 50-State Profile](#) is a “snapshot” of early childhood data available for children who are experiencing homelessness in each State. [Find Individual State profiles here.](#)
- ◆ The [Early Childhood Self-Assessment Tool for Family Shelters](#) is specifically designed to guide family shelter staff as they create a safe and developmentally appropriate environment for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.
- ◆ The [Highlights on Homelessness From the Office of Early Childhood Development Newsletters in 2015](#) is a compilation of articles that provides resources from the Administration for Children and Families and partners including Project CATCH in Raleigh, NC; Primo Center for Women and Children, Chicago, IL; Research to Policy Resource List; UMOM in Phoenix, AZ; and Families in Transition, Rockford, IL.
- ◆ National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (NCPFCE) page at <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/about-us/article/national-center-parent-family-community-engagement-ncpfce>

Resources

Policies and Guidance

- ◆ The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness [Family Connection](#) brief (and related [webinar](#)) provides the Federal vision of a coordinated community response to family homelessness, which highlights the role of early childhood programs and coordinated entry.
- ◆ The [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) Coordinated Entry Policy Brief](#) provides an overview of effective coordinated entry processes.
- ◆ [Policies and Procedures to Increase Access to ECE Services for Homeless Children and Families](#) provides guidance for States.
- ◆ [Policies for Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting \(MIECHV\)](#) suggests ways to increase access to ECE services for homeless children and families in tribal communities.
- ◆ The [Definitions of Homelessness for Federal Programs Serving Children, Youth, and Families](#) chart illustrates the similarities and differences of the two major Federal definitions of homelessness in use by the U.S. Department of Education in Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Act, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Section 103 of Subtitle I of the McKinney-Vento Act.

Resources With an Infant/Toddler Focus

- ◆ [Adapted Anticipatory Guidance for Infants and Toddlers](#) (2015) by the National Health Care for the Homeless Council is a webinar about strategies from a forthcoming Council resource, *Adapted Anticipatory Guidance for Infants and Toddlers Experiencing Homelessness*, which adapts standard guidelines for the condition of homelessness and aims to improve social, development, and health outcomes for homeless children.
- ◆ Starting Life Without a Home: How to Support Homeless Families in Nurturing Their Infants and Toddlers, available at <https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/539-starting-life-without-a-home>.

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