



Project HOPE New River Valley

McKinney-Vento Count: 2018/2019 School Year

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2018-2019	Giles	Floyd	Montgomery	Pulaski	Radford	Total
Unsheltered	0	0	7	0	0	7
Sheltered	2	0	11	12	9	34
Doubled-up	8	7	182	52	40	289
Hotel/Motel	2	1	41	14	4	62
Total	12	8	241	78	53	392
Unaccompanied	0	1	85	25	6	117

Tips for Implementing Positive School Discipline for Students Experiencing Homelessness www.schoolhouseconnection.org

- Always operate from a trauma-informed perspective.
- Make school a safe zone for students. Create a space that is predictable, where students can make mistakes and be held accountable, but feel secure.
- Track the discipline rates at schools for all students and for students experiencing homelessness specifically. Share the data with schools and ask schools with high and/or disproportionate discipline rates to create an action plan to address them.
- Be sure the McKinney-Vento district homeless liaison or school-based liaisons are consulted on discipline of students experiencing homelessness and have the capacity to be involved.
- Engage students in establishing the rules and consequences, thereby preventing the discipline system from seeming surprising, imposed, or arbitrary.
- Train and engage school administrators, resource officers, counselors, and teachers in implementing school-wide positive behavioral interventions and supports.
- Engage the broader community, such as substance abuse services, police, juvenile courts, and juvenile probation.
- Be aware of potential triggers. (school bells, crowded hallways, cafeteria, etc.)
- If community service is part of a restorative justice approach, be aware that barriers like lack of transportation, shelter hours, or the need to work may make it impossible for students experiencing homelessness to complete community service after school.

"The key is seeing the liaison's job as a case management model and shifting your district administration's focus toward seeing a robust McKinney-Vento program as a solution to a lot of problems—classroom management problems, discipline problems, and graduation rate problems."

– Linda Long, Support/Homeless Services Coordinator at Haysville Schools, KS

House Committee Approves Funding Increase for Homeless Children

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On May 9, the House Appropriations Committee passed [its FY2020 appropriations bill for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education](#).

The House bill includes \$100 million in FY2020 funding for the McKinney-Vento Act's Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program. This represents a 7% increase over the FY2019 level; if enacted, it would represent a 30% increase in EHCY funding since FY2017.

The bill also includes \$147 million for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) programs, an increase of 15% over the FY2019 level. If enacted, this would be the largest increase in RHYA funding in more than a decade.

In addition to increasing funding for the EHCY and RHYA programs, the House Committee added report language geared toward increasing college access and success for students experiencing homelessness

or exiting foster care. The language urges the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services to conduct outreach and disseminate information on financial aid, TRIO and the Chafee program to these students. SHC will work to preserve and strengthen this language in the full House and Senate.

Other key programs supporting children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness also received significant funding increases. The chart below provides recent and proposed funding levels for selected programs.

Please note that neither the U.S. House of Representatives nor the U.S. Senate has taken up FY2020 funding for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which administers HUD's homeless assistance grants.

Next Steps: The bill now moves to the House floor, where it may be attached to other FY2020 spending bills.

The Senate will begin marking up their FY2020 spending bills in the coming months. Differences between the House and Senate bills will have to be reconciled before final legislation is considered.

Action Needed: Please contact your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative in support of the only two federal programs specifically targeted to supporting homeless children and youth – the McKinney-Vento Act's Education for Homeless Children and Youth program (EHCY) and the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) programs.

Upcoming Webinars

McKinney-Vento School Selection Rights
Tuesday, June 11, 2019 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

Supporting the Education of Unaccompanied Homeless Students Experiencing Homelessness
Thursday, June 27, 2019 | 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Visit <https://nche.ed.gov/group-training/> for complete webinar descriptions and to register for any of the above sessions.