

Syracuse McKinney-Vento Workshop | November 14, 2019

Session Descriptions

First Block of Sessions (9:00 – 10:00)

What's New? A Review of Recent Resources (for attendees with significant McKinney-Vento experience) (Liberty Ballroom 1/2)

Presented by: Emily Kramer, NYS-TEACHS

This session will provide information about new resources that have come out in the last year or so. We will discuss best practices and resources related to McKinney-Vento policies, liaison responsibilities, early childhood education, supporting unaccompanied youth, college counseling, data collection and reporting, and more. There will be time for Q&A.

Overview of McKinney-Vento Services (for attendees new to McKinney-Vento)

(Liberty Ballroom 3/4)

Presented by: Arija Linauts, NYS-TEACHS

Are you new to the McKinney-Vento Liaison role or looking to refresh your knowledge? Are you a school administrator, school staff member, or local service provider who works with students in temporary housing? Join us for an overview of McKinney-Vento services. This session will provide procedures and best practices for immediate enrollment, transportation, free meals, Title I services, and more. Please note that we will *not* be reviewing McKinney-Vento eligibility during this session – please attend one of the two *Determining Eligibility* sessions later in the day to discuss eligibility in depth!

Second Block of Sessions (10:15 – 11:15)

Navigating Conversations with Families (Liberty Ballroom 1)

Facilitated by: Emily Kramer, NYS-TEACHS

Effective conversations with families are essential for a successful McKinney-Vento program. Districts must be able to facilitate conversations with students and families that allow them to gather accurate information and provide appropriate services and supports. Based on our “Navigating Challenging Conversations” tip sheet, this interactive session will help participants get organized and provide an opportunity to share ideas and discuss resources that will help enhance liaison and LEA communications.

Connecting Young Children Experiencing Homelessness with Early Care and Education Services

(Liberty Ballroom 2)

Presented by: Jennifer Pringle, NYS-TEACHS

Did you know that school district McKinney-Vento liaisons are required to help young children who are homeless enroll in early care and education programs? Did you know that shelter providers and local departments of social services also have the responsibility to help families access certain early childhood programs? This workshop session will give you the information and tools you need to carry out these responsibilities and better connect families with early care and education resources. We will walk you through the "Early Care and Education Services for Children Experiencing Homelessness" guide recently published by the Early Childhood Advisory Council and help you create a customized list of local early care and education resources for your community to share with parents.

Determining Eligibility: A Deeper Dive (Liberty Ballroom 3/4)

Presented by: Michelle Frank, NYS-TEACHS

This session is designed to assist school staff and service providers in applying the definition of homelessness under the McKinney-Vento Act when identifying students in temporary housing. Through a series of sample scenarios, participants will discuss strategies for identifying students experiencing homelessness and collecting and analyzing information to confirm eligibility.

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Third Block of Sessions (11:30 – 12:30)

Tips of the Trade: Liaison Insights (Liberty Ballroom 1)

Presented by: Arija Linauts, NYS-TEACHS; Amanda Jones, Rome City SD, Geri Geitner, Fulton City SD, Robert Duffy and Ned Karcich, Oswego City SD.

Do you ever wonder how other Liaisons are approaching common McKinney-Vento situations and getting results? This session will highlight “*tips of the trade*” from local liaisons on topics such as:

- Arranging timely and appropriate transportation
- Working with enrollment and registration staff
- Effectively reaching district staff for trainings and professional development
- Connecting and communicating effectively with families and/or students
- Accessing/Using Title I Funds, including Set-Aside funds

During this session, participants will hear several mini presentations from district Liaisons on the topics above and engage in face-to-face conversations with one another to share ideas and strategize new ways of approaching old problems.

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