

# Care and Education for Young Children Experiencing Homelessness

## RESOURCES

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### **Project HOPE-Virginia** ([www.wm.edu/hope](http://www.wm.edu/hope))

Project HOPE-Virginia, the Virginia Education Program for Homeless Children and Youth, is a federally funded grant authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. Project HOPE-Virginia ensures the enrollment, attendance, and the success of homeless children and youth in school through public awareness efforts across the commonwealth and subgrants to local school divisions. It also funds activities of early childhood education. Its website provides a resource page designated for early childhood education. Project HOPE-Virginia also provides parents pack, awareness posters, and a number of information briefs to assist identify and support young children experiencing homelessness.

### **Continuum of Care Program** (<https://www.onecpd.info/coc/>)

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. It provides funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities.

### **The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY)**

(<http://www.naehcy.org/>)

NAEHCY is a professional organization specifically dedicated to meeting the educational needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness. Its website provides information on current legislation and advocacy efforts, research findings, professional development opportunities and tools, and many other resources to help educators, social workers, shelter staff, and policy specialists support the success of children and youth challenged by homelessness.

### **The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)** (<http://center.serve.org/nche/>)

The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) provides research, resources, and information enabling communities to address the educational needs of children experiencing homelessness. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the Center serves as a clearinghouse of information for people seeking to remove or overcome educational barriers and to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for children and youth experiencing homelessness. The brief *Determining Eligibility for Rights and Services Under the McKinney-Vento Act* ([http://center.serve.org/nche/downloads/briefs/det\\_elig.pdf](http://center.serve.org/nche/downloads/briefs/det_elig.pdf)) is designed to assist applying the definition of homelessness to individual children and youth to determine eligibility for rights and services.

### **National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement**

(<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/family/center/family/Homelessness>)

This website includes interactive homeless lessons developed by the Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center, National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement. The lessons include useful strategies, compelling parent stories, experiences and lessons learned shared by Head Start and Early Head Start programs as well as LEA Homeless Liaisons.

### **Horizons for Homeless Education** (<http://www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org/>)

Horizons for Homeless Children is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of young homeless children and their families by ensuring that they are prepared for school success. In addition to providing direct high quality early education, opportunities for play, and comprehensive family support service, it also provides training and technical assistance to providers of homeless services, early care and education services, teachers, early intervention specialists, homeless education liaisons, and others who work with young homeless children and their families.