

Summary of Homeless Liaison Responsibilities

Review the McKinney Vento Act http://center.serve.org/nche/downloads/mv-full-text.docx

- ✓ Understanding your Role as the LEA Homeless Liaison Homeless Liaisons Toolkit, 2013 Edition
- ✓ Educational Definition of Homeless Children & Youth
- ✓ Remove Educational Barriers (proof of residency and/or school records)
- ✓ Rights to Immediate Enrollment Post Educational Rights
- ✓ School of Origin vs. School of Residence
- ✓ Transportation Assistance, FRL, School Supplies, Tutoring
- ✓ Unaccompanied Youth, Partial Credits, Access to Higher Education
- ✓ Become familiar with your LEA policies, procedures, Dispute Resolution, LCAP, Title I Funding, and services available for homeless students
- ✓ Become familiar with student data system to identify homeless students and FPM (Federal Program Monitoring)
- ✓ Collaboration is essential within your LEA: Title I Coordinator, School Administrators, Office Supervisors, School Registrars, CWA, SARB, Community Liaisons, Nutritional Services, Health & Wellness, Counselors, Special Education, After School Programs, and Transportation Services
- ✓ Provide Homeless Education and Sensitivity Trainings to school personnel annually: school office staff, nurses, community liaisons, school psychologists, school counselors, bus drivers, and custodians, etc.
- ✓ Collaborate with other Homeless Liaisons

Community Outreach

- Collaborate with local shelters, low budget motels, service providers, housing agencies, transitional living programs, city programs, police outreach, health/mental health agencies, clinics, case managers, and family resource centers
- ✓ Post educational rights of homeless students in areas throughout the community and in school areas where families will see them when they enroll, especially where there is a frequent influx of low-income families and youth in high-risk situations.
- ✓ Disseminate brochures or flyers that explain the educational rights of homeless children send a supply to each shelter that accepts children in your area, the department of social services, the health department, and other service providers that may work with homeless families.
- ✓ 2-1-1 Orange County: www.211oc.org referrals@211.org for official 24 Hour Information & Referral Line Dial 2-1-1 or 1-888-600-4357
- ✓ Health Care Agency- Behavioral Health Services Outreach & Engagement, 1-800-364-2221 www.ochealthinfo.com/oclinks
- ✓ Participate in Meetings, Networks and Collaborations regarding Homeless Families:
 - OC Homeless Providers Forum- First Thursday of every month, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
 - Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's Hall, 1855 Orange-Olive Road, Orange, CA 92865
 - Collaboration to Assist Motel Families, www.motelcollaboration.org
 - **Motel Collaboration Meeting** First Tuesday of every month, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Anaheim Community Center, 250 Center Street, Anaheim, CA 92805
- ✓ OC Continuum of Care (10 Year Plan to End Homelessness), http://occommunityservices.org/hcd/homeless/commission
- ✓ Other Local/Community Networks within your LEA

Useful Contacts & Resources

- ✓ Orange County Department of Education *HOPES* Collaborative, www.ocde.us.mv
- ✓ Jeanne Awrey, HOPES Coordinator, jawrey@ocde.us
- ✓ California Department of Education, http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy/
- ✓ Leanne Wheeler, CDE Consultant, lwheeler@cde.ca.gov
- ✓ National Center for Homeless Education of SERVE: www.serve.org/nche Homelesss@serve.org
- ✓ NCHE Help Line 1-800-308-2145
- ✓ National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth, www.naechcy.org