

**McKinney-Vento Updates – March 2025  
Upcoming Request for Applications**The Education of Homeless Children and Youth Grant and the Educational Stability Grant Request for Applications are scheduled to be released next week, the week of **March 10th, 2025**. All McKinney-Vento Liaisons will receive an email announcement from Paula Gumina via CDE’s most up to date McKinney-Vento Liaisons list. The announcement will also be posted to the [CDE Website](https://www.cde.state.co.us/studentsupport/homeless_index) and sent out via the [CDE Scoop.](https://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/newsletter-sign-ups)

This year’s application process will take place via CDE’s Grant Administration, Implementation and Navigation System (GAINS). To learn more about GAINS please visit the [CDE website.](https://www.cde.state.co.us/gains)

The Education of Homeless Children and Youth Grant Program application is **due, Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 4:00pm**. The intent of EHCY awarded through the CDE is to increase access to school and school activities, offer the opportunity for greater stability and engagement in school, and provide wraparound services to offset the barriers created by housing instability and homelessness.

Applicants will be asked to frame their strategies, activities and performance measures around the following focus areas:

1. Attendance
2. School Stability
3. School Day Engagement
4. Academic Progress

A webinar to learn more about the application and ask your questions will be held Tuesday, April 8, 2025, from 2-3:00pm. [Register Here.](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/iJRoEu7zSXKlj_tWwQf29Q)

**Highly Mobile Student Peer-to-Peer Conversation**The March 11, 2025, Highly Mobile Student Peer-to-Peer Conversation will focus on the topic of transportation. We will hear examples of transportation strategies and challenges from district liaisons for the first half of the webinar and then give small groups the chance to share and discuss their questions, promising practices, and challenges. CDE will collect challenges and promising practices to share with the CDE Transportation team. Your participation and engagement are greatly appreciated! Please use [following link to join](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtc-Cpqz4jE9SAD-WnwoQ6xzL-67aVyIr_) from 11:30am -12:30pm.

**Cafecito: Early Learning for Highly Mobile Students**Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the first Cafecito on February 6th. It was exciting to see the shared interest from professionals across Colorado in building a greater network and community on the topics related to highly mobile students and early learning opportunities. **The next Cafecito webinar will take place on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, from 9:00 am – 10:30am.** We understand there may be some conflicts with Spring Break schedules. Please look for materials shared during the Cafecito on the shared [Google Folder.](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1a1VB_XhYDv7487vcmQjhRKTUnu4PZLQF?usp=drive_link)  Please [register for the March 18th Cafecito](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/0XdjmwDfQs63YEvF2TRDmw) if you are interested in attending.

**2023-2024 Homeless Data Available**The [homeless education data webpage](https://www.cde.state.co.us/studentsupport/homeless_data) has been updated including a downloadable spreadsheet of each district’s homeless student count and state level unduplicated counts. If your data does not appear on the spreadsheet, it means your sample was too small to share publicly. Every district has this data at the local level. Please connect with your district’s data respondent to better understand your identification numbers and trends in identification of the past three- five years. Additionally, the website provides a downloadable data visual on the data for you to review and share. Any of the data provided on this summary document can be replicated at the district level with help from your data respondent.   
 **College Admission Trainings with Colorado State University’s Fostering Success Program**Colorado State University’s Fostering Success Program is offering three virtual sessions to discuss transitions into higher education for highly mobile students. McKinney-Vento district liaisons, academic school counselors and McKinney-Vento and Foster high school students are welcome to attend. Please see details attached and linked below.

* [Campus Support Programs](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcolostate.az1.qualtrics.com%2Fjfe%2Fform%2FSV_8dbQ5kfRo3wcpOS&data=05%7C02%7CGumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7C96100dc378444f12463508dd54fca33a%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638760166358691116%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=v7NGKGxl29EsS6rE%2FTs9FQRaP6KGFs%2BlYrckQQw8nnc%3D&reserved=0) on Wednesday, March 12th from 1:00pm-2:00pm on [Zoom](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fzoom.us%2Fj%2F96599895253%3Fpwd%3DIDoTju5nknWAinAkjHVq41wIux5psD.1&data=05%7C02%7CGumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7C96100dc378444f12463508dd54fca33a%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638760166358712043%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yC10905CgemXmbrsDZ3KFbWjVfh1SJxW5G64u2iq5DQ%3D&reserved=0)
* [What To Expect](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcolostate.az1.qualtrics.com%2Fjfe%2Fform%2FSV_3WpjPrF0fwX7aWa&data=05%7C02%7CGumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7C96100dc378444f12463508dd54fca33a%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638760166358726348%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xG%2BC9GRbH2iwCwu6dRjPcsNnICrSYUQxz%2BBamkr7NNo%3D&reserved=0) on Friday, March 28th from 12:00pm-1:00pm on [Zoom](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fzoom.us%2Fj%2F93961515883%3Fpwd%3DUKSpaSuWbRQPgYFWuyaedg6EotghvW.1&data=05%7C02%7CGumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7C96100dc378444f12463508dd54fca33a%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638760166358740352%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7pi0imEkZaFIcdWo7YfbIOWcfsvrtKmJfx8oJCMPjH4%3D&reserved=0)
* [Successful Connections](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcolostate.az1.qualtrics.com%2Fjfe%2Fform%2FSV_0DLAz98fcilZE4S&data=05%7C02%7CGumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7C96100dc378444f12463508dd54fca33a%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638760166358754508%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hdoPs2Y2atN70E8YhRWs6HVmaJNL0jBKxZ5m17%2FDaog%3D&reserved=0) on Thursday, April 3rd from 10:00-11:00 on [Zoom](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fzoom.us%2Fj%2F93032253982%3Fpwd%3D4JYboEW2m1HvowM3K9lxlQXieMmgRP.1&data=05%7C02%7CGumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7C96100dc378444f12463508dd54fca33a%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638760166358768502%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zyafiIur8g6FTeCq1f7JgA02bNHRSl6B7iIDCNcQO9g%3D&reserved=0)

**Resources from SchoolHouse Connection**SchoolHouse Connection continues to be an integral part of training and technical assistance for McKinney-Vento state coordinators and local McKinney-Vento district liaisons. They offer several resources and CDE encourages liaisons to explore their library of tools and research to help support their work with students experiencing homelessness. Below are just a couple of their most recent resources, including a webinar planned in partnership with Attendance Works to share recommended practices in addressing chronic absenteeism in students experiencing homelessness. Colorado’s very own Adams 12 Five Star Schools will be spotlighted! Congratulations, Adams 12 Team!

**Re-play the recording of our highly attended webinar "Federal Policy Update: Early Actions and Effective Responses"**

During the webinar, SHC discussed the latest federal executive orders and Congressional actions affecting homeless children and youth. [Recording and Resources](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.everyaction.com%2Fk%2F102678867%2F529931144%2F436388300%3Fnvep%3Dew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNi8xLzk2NTIyIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjY2N2FkMGE5LWM0ZjItZWYxMS05MGNiLTAwMjI0ODJhOTRmNCIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ3VtaW5hX3BAY2RlLnN0YXRlLmNvLnVzIg0KfQ%253D%253D%26hmac%3DFX88GopofVkGxkI6Q6iIoa9U9ZcJ3uSM_9TP2xwc9lY%3D%26emci%3Dcf631532-bdf2-ef11-90cb-0022482a94f4%26emdi%3D667ad0a9-c4f2-ef11-90cb-0022482a94f4%26ceid%3D11624390&data=05%7C02%7Cgumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7Cf9842524ae084c22127608dd54e8aee3%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638760081171224421%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KUxs7ztIDsZZFdTFRCULQDrLLlqi0Z9q7QPBRqvsZzs%3D&reserved=0)

### **SchoolHouse Connection’s Youth Leadership and Scholarship Program**

*Helping Youth Get To and Through Higher Education***Deadline: June 2, 2025** **Eligibility:**You experienced homelessness within the past six years. You currently reside in the United States (undocumented applicants are eligible). You were born on or after June 2, 2005. You will begin college (four-year, community college, or trade school) for the **first time in 2026** (dual-enrollment courses do not count as prior college enrollment).***Note:*** *Applicants* ***must begin college for the first time in 2026*** *because a large component of the program is one year of college readiness support prior to enrollment. This means that current high school juniors, seniors, and post-grad students taking a gap year are eligible.*

**Inspiring Best Practices for Improving Attendance for Students Experiencing Homelessness**SchoolHouse Connection and [Attendance Works](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.everyaction.com%2Fk%2F102882377%2F530562934%2F1910228850%3Fnvep%3Dew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNi8xLzk2NTIyIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjFmYWVmMTE3LTI4ZjUtZWYxMS05MGNiLTAwMjI0ODJhOTRmNCIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ3VtaW5hX3BAY2RlLnN0YXRlLmNvLnVzIg0KfQ%253D%253D%26hmac%3Dw3wQ1mupXzgSICKOluNfauPY08-jqp9EvFpzDuzgFp8%3D%26emci%3D84194d29-e8f2-ef11-90cb-0022482a94f4%26emdi%3D1faef117-28f5-ef11-90cb-0022482a94f4%26ceid%3D11624390&data=05%7C02%7Cgumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7Cc1700c5003954dc09aea08dd574c3309%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638762706977420167%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=PM61yj5UoKKubv%2FE5CdBcmXrhn9y4DJsVNjpOHAT%2FEs%3D&reserved=0) are excited to share the results of our joint project to learn about effective approaches for reducing chronic absenteeism among students experiencing homelessness. We interviewed school district leaders across the country to find promising approaches that bring together attendance professionals and homeless education professionals to demonstrably increase attendance. Join us for the release of our case studies and key strategies by participating in this special two-part series.

**Part One:** Join us for our webinar to learn how school districts are using data-driven approaches and working across departments to improve attendance among students experiencing homelessness. *Thursday, March 13, 2025 11AM Mountain /90 Minutes* [*Sign-up here*](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.everyaction.com%2Fk%2F102882379%2F530562935%2F492232361%3Fnvep%3Dew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNi8xLzk2NTIyIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjFmYWVmMTE3LTI4ZjUtZWYxMS05MGNiLTAwMjI0ODJhOTRmNCIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ3VtaW5hX3BAY2RlLnN0YXRlLmNvLnVzIg0KfQ%253D%253D%26hmac%3Dw3wQ1mupXzgSICKOluNfauPY08-jqp9EvFpzDuzgFp8%3D%26emci%3D84194d29-e8f2-ef11-90cb-0022482a94f4%26emdi%3D1faef117-28f5-ef11-90cb-0022482a94f4%26ceid%3D11624390&data=05%7C02%7Cgumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7Cc1700c5003954dc09aea08dd574c3309%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638762706977452204%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=S5YKxplHwkRkmE7pikp2r5lv%2F7yZ6P09dqV1ZFMTRQM%3D&reserved=0)

**Part Two:** Join us for a deeper dive with McKinney-Vento liaisons and school attendance leaders about the tools, strategies, and organizational change needed to turn absenteeism around for students experiencing homelessness. *Tuesday, March 18, 2025*, *11AM Mountain/120 Minutes [Sign-up here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.everyaction.com%2Fk%2F102882380%2F530562936%2F1970811709%3Fnvep%3Dew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNi8xLzk2NTIyIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjFmYWVmMTE3LTI4ZjUtZWYxMS05MGNiLTAwMjI0ODJhOTRmNCIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ3VtaW5hX3BAY2RlLnN0YXRlLmNvLnVzIg0KfQ%253D%253D%26hmac%3Dw3wQ1mupXzgSICKOluNfauPY08-jqp9EvFpzDuzgFp8%3D%26emci%3D84194d29-e8f2-ef11-90cb-0022482a94f4%26emdi%3D1faef117-28f5-ef11-90cb-0022482a94f4%26ceid%3D11624390%23%2Fregistration&data=05%7C02%7Cgumina_p%40cde.state.co.us%7Cc1700c5003954dc09aea08dd574c3309%7Ca751cfc81f9a4edb83709f1c6d4bea5a%7C0%7C0%7C638762706977481640%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FMthfeSpRfUjmQkCXQoLZRwy6FqdR9qDYzNmFZ2uS7k%3D&reserved=0).*