



EHCY

NEWSLETTER

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ARP-HCY Funding Update

Districts are encouraged to diligently obligate all available ARP-HCY funds by September 30th, 2024. Additionally, the deadline for liquidating these funds is January 10th, 2025.

As part of a technical assistance initiative provided by the West Virginia Department of Education, SchoolHouse Connection is hosting a three-part webinar series related to spending these funds. The first session has already taken place, and the recording was sent via the McKinney-Vento Liaison list-serv. The remaining two sessions are scheduled for June 13th and 27th at 2:00 pm. Participants can expect Zoom links for these sessions to be provided by Karen Rice, Senior Program Manager of Educational Initiatives for SchoolHouse Connection.

If districts choose to modify the initiatives in their original grant applications, they must follow an approval process. Changes can be submitted via Microsoft Forms (<https://forms.office.com/r/wAM2JKp1s0>) or directly entered into the GPS system. It's essential to obtain approval from the EHCY or ESEA program office before proceeding with any purchases

EOY Collection Information and Guidance - Students Experiencing Homelessness Data

As you know, the End-of-Year collection applications are open and available for school and district administrators to review for accuracy. Updated collection directions, as well as school year specific timelines and information are available on the [WVEIS Support Page](#) and on the public [WVDE Data Collections](#) team in Microsoft Teams.

As the McKinney-Vento liaison, it is important that you work with your district data team to ensure that your lists for eligibility for the 23-24 school year are accurate and that all students have been properly coded in WVEIS.

The collections cannot be submitted by the school until after the last instructional day, and data must all be submitted within two weeks of the last instructional day (or by June 14, whichever date is earlier).

Virtual drop-in office hours are being offered to all school- and district-level users on Thursday afternoons from 2:30pm to 3:30pm until June 13, 2024, for those who have questions about EOY collections or the errors on the Data Quality Reports. Use this [link](#) to access the office hours each week.

On page 2 of this newsletter, you will find a summary of frequently asked questions that have been received related to the EOY data for students experiencing homelessness.

If you have any additional questions or seek clarification about the EOY data collection or need further guidance, please contact Angela Riley angela.riley@k12.wv.us, Alice Hudson alice.hudson@k12.wv.us, or Georgia Hughes-Webb ghugheswebb@k12.wv.us.



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ParentGuidance.Org Resources

The WVDE has partnered with the The Cook Center for Human Connection, to provide a new resource called [ParentGuidance.org](https://parentguidance.org).

This platform offers 24/7 online tools to support student mental health and well-being. Here's how it can positively impact students experiencing homelessness in West Virginia:

1. Access to Mental Health Tools:

ParentGuidance.org provides free access to an array of tools, including regular one-on-one parent coaching with cognitive behavioral health coaches, a library with 70+ courses on topics such as school avoidance, and an "Ask a Therapist" question-and-answer forum.

2. Empowering Families: The platform empowers families, educators, caregivers, and others to address and elevate mental health wellness and self-care.

3. Underserved Communities: Regardless of financial means, families throughout West Virginia can now access valuable mental health resources directly.

This partnership aims to make a difference in the lives of children, families, and school employees, ultimately improving the overall well-being of West Virginia schools. We hope that you will share these resources with your McKinney-Vento eligible families in need of support.

EOY Collection Information and Guidance

Frequently Asked Questions Related to the June 14th Data Submission:

23-24 Homeless Bucket

The homeless bucket is designed to report students who received services between 7/1/2023 and 6/30/2024 at a school level. At a school level the student will be reported as the homeless status they were first identified as at that school. At the school level, that application counts students only one time. However, at the county level, students are being counted multiple times if they have had enrollment in multiple schools. So, for instance, if a student is dually enrolled in a high school and the CTE center, they'll be counted/listed at both locations at the county level, or if they've transferred from one school to another, they'll be listed with both locations (one with withdrawal status and one with an enrolled status). To some extent, that duplication at the county level is by design because it's the only way we can get accurate unique counts at the school level. I understand that it's a little frustrating at the county level, however, as you're not necessarily expecting duplication.

You can download the data from the EOY collection application into a spreadsheet and sort the output by student ID number and Effective Date to review the data (per federal rules, we must count students' nighttime residence statuses based on the first record in the school year.) You should also be able to download the data from the homeless report in WVEIS if you need to for your reviews.

Exiting Homeless Students

Determining the effective date of a when a student has exited can be broken down into three scenarios:

- A student exited homeless services during the school year due to a change in the nighttime residence. You then enter the effective date when you are notified of the changes (or the date the student last received services).
- The student's nighttime residence changed during the summer before school was back in session for the new school year. In this case you would enter an effective date of 6/30 of the previous school year. For example, a student came back to school in August 2023 and no longer needed services. The effective date of the exited status would be 06/30/2023.
- The student received service on or after July 1 and the student's nighttime residence changed before school opened. Since the student received services during the period of the new school year, the student would be counted as homeless during that school year. If the student's nighttime residence changes after July 1 and before school started and they received services during the school year you would enter the exit status with the actual effective date (in this case between July 1 and before school started).

Essentially, if a student was eligible for McKinney-Vento services within the school year (7/1 - 6/30), they would be identified as homeless under that school year.

District Liaison Spotlight

Melandee Heaster - Greenbrier County Schools

Greenbrier County Schools collaborates effectively with their local Family Resource Network (FRN), greatly benefiting students experiencing homelessness. The liaison and the FRN work together to enhance the support system, providing holistic assistance for families and students in need. Family Resource Networks across the state provide parent resource guides that contain valuable support and contact information specific to your local area.

If you do not already partner with your FRN, you can locate the contact information for your county FRN here: <https://wvfrn.org/counties/>