

McKinney-Vento Grant

Accomack County Public Schools

Being a recipient of McKinney-Vento grant for eight years, Accomack County Public Schools has built up a successful process for identifying and serving the needs of homeless students. For the last few years, Accomack County Public Schools has also witnessed an increasing collaboration with community organizations and preschools. The funds from the new grant will be used to supplement the funding of a part-time assistant to the Homeless Liaison/Director of Student Services. Professional development about homelessness will be continued to be provided for school personnel. In addition, Accomack County Public Schools will continue to provide school, health, and other supplies to homeless students as well as additional counseling opportunities.

Albemarle County Public Schools

Albemarle County Public Schools' *Family in Crisis* program provides educational and support services to the homeless families in Albemarle, either directly or in collaboration with other agencies. The services offered by this program include, but are not limited to, transportation, tutoring, referral to other programs and services, parent education, and counseling. With the McKinney-Vento grant, Albemarle County Public Schools will be able to provide multiple awareness training opportunities for school personnel and community members as well as designate and train a homeless contact for each school building. In addition, collaborative efforts between the Charlottesville school division and Albemarle will establish the new Blue Bridge Homeless Children's Network, which will involve shelters, agencies and school representatives to share information, develop contact, avoid duplication of services, and better meet unmet needs.

Arlington Public Schools

Arlington Public Schools' Project Extra Step serves as leader in the regional collaboration efforts. It convenes community agencies, neighboring school districts, and non-profits together to facilitate attendance and achievement for homeless students. With the availability of the McKinney-Vento grant, Arlington Public Schools are able to continue to provide transportation to homeless students from shelters and other temporary living quarters to school of origin, high quality tutoring and academic support at the shelter sites and necessary school for all students experiencing homelessness. Additionally, Arlington Public Schools will continue to enhance staff awareness and sensitivity about homelessness issue and provide parental training opportunities.

Charlottesville City Public Schools

Charlottesville City Schools plans to use the McKinney-Vento grant money to fund enrollment in the K-6 before and after school program as well as the summer enrichment program. In addition, a coalition with three community shelter representatives will be formed to address the needs of children living in the shelter as well as un-enrolled transients. This partnership will also provide monthly parent trainings addressing adult work habits, interpersonal relationships, parenting skills, and understanding their children's developmental stages. A shelter based evening tutoring service will also be organized on a weekly basis by the liaison and coordinator for children living in the shelter and will be manned by volunteers and paid licensed

educators. Finally, the liaison and coordinator will also extend on-going efforts to educate school staff of the legal obligations to serve as stewards for homeless children's unique needs and equal rights.

Colonial Beach Public Schools

Colonial Beach Public Schools aims to use the McKinney-Vento grant to provide services to ensure the enrollment, attendance and success of homeless children. To fulfill those purposes, "Creating A Rainbow of HOPE: Programs for Children and Youth Experiencing Transitional Living", a five-tiered intervention program, will be established and implemented. In addition, a Family Literacy Outreach Program will be providing weekly literacy and parenting sessions and modeling best practices for literacy instruction and early intervention. This program is also going to provide a three week intensive summer Literacy/Mathematics Academy to at-risk K-2 students to circumvent the risk of failure. Finally, Colonial Beach Public Schools will be providing professional development opportunities to all administrative, support and paraprofessional staff regarding identification and delivery of service to meet the needs of homeless populations.

Fairfax County Public Schools

Each of the identified 1,200 homeless students in FCPS is provided with equal and appropriate educational services. These services include: transportation and compensatory educational programs; educational programs for the disabled and for students with limited English proficiency; programs in vocational education; programs for the gifted and talented; and free breakfast and lunch programs. The FCPS Homeless Program coordinated resources to ensure that homeless children have every opportunity to succeed in school. The scale of coordination ranges across agencies and across states (e.g., Maryland, D.C.). With the continuing support provided by McKinney-Vento grant, FCPS will provide better administrative support for homeless programs, provide more consistent, structured, and disciplined supervised time for tutoring/homework assistance program, and fulfill many other roles in a more effective way.

Fauquier County Public Schools

Fauquier County Public Schools will use the McKinney-Vento grant to fund the costs for maintaining students in their school of origin. The grant will also enable Fauquier County Public Schools to collaborate with local shelters to procure and compensate full time, certified teachers to provide tutoring to the students on a regular basis. With the availability of the grant, counseling and mentoring services will be offered to more students. In addition, students from Vint Hills Transitional Housing, The Haven or Victory Transitional housing will get access to a summer enrichment program. For this program, Department of Student Services will write a Purchase Order to Fauquier County Parks and Recreation for those activities in which students wish to participate. Free transportation will also be provided to desired locations.

Henrico County Public Schools

Henrico County Public Schools will continue to implement its McKinney-Vento grant activities through a long-standing collaborative relationship with St. Joseph's Villa, a private non-profit human service agency with a 175-year history of serving children and families in need. Specific project activities that will be conducted include: tutoring; supplemental instruction; educational enrichment; school supplies and payment of school fees to ensure school

success; professional development to registrars, school counselors, school social workers, and principals; assisting shelters with the enrollment process to prevent delayed enrollment; providing transportation to schools of origin; assisting with purchase of school and personal supplies; providing education and training to parents of sheltered students; and providing transportation to PTA meetings. A portion of the grant will be used to support a full-time Homeless Children's Advocate who will implement all grant-related activities in collaboration with the LEA. Finally, the McKinney-Vento grant will also be used to pay summer school tuition for students who have failed coursework required for graduation and/or for promotion to the next grade level.

Loudoun County Public Schools

The objective of Loudoun County Public Schools' use of the McKinney-Vento grant is to meet the needs of the homeless students more thoroughly and appropriately through: providing professional development to school staff members critical to the success of homeless students, such as school counselors, psychologists, social workers, educational diagnosticians, administrators, parent liaisons, nurses and health clinic assistants, and secretaries; better communicating with parent/guardians; collaborating with shelters and transitional housing, and community service providers; providing information and support to schools; establishing better collaboration with LCPS' Title I coordinator; providing relief for expedited transportation services to school and to school events. A full-time staff member will be devoted to responding to the daily questions and concerns surrounding homelessness as well as build up collaboration across agencies. Finally, a part-time employee will be designated to improve transportation services to the school of origin or to special events at the schools.

Lynchburg City Public Schools

Lynchburg City Public Schools will use the McKinney-Vento grant to continue to fund a part-time Homeless Education Liaison who will provide case-management services to homeless families and children. The Homeless Education Liaison will be assisting local homeless shelters in obtaining before/after school programs, summer camps and summer enrichment activities for their children. The liaison will also work with shelters to maintain and enhance early childhood intervention opportunities for pre-school age children as well as coordinate expedited developmental assessments for those pre-schoolers. In addition, parental involvement will be enhanced through one to one support, offering of transportation, and programming. The liaison will create activities in conjunction with shelter care staff to help homeless parents to advocate for their child, better communicate with their child's school, and build "normalized" parent/child relationships. These activities include parenting workshops, parent/child study/play time, and mothers' day/night out.

Manassas City Public Schools

Manassas City Public Schools will be using McKinney-Vento funds to supplement the transportation budget to ensure homeless students have access to their school of origin. A portion of the funds would be designated for the provision of school supplies (including GED study materials) for local homeless shelters, specifically, SERVE and ACTS. Additionally, a plan will be developed for transportation and community resources for homeless students, families and unaccompanied youth. A needs assessment will be conducted to identify the appropriate

educational and local resources for students experiencing homelessness (e.g., Even start, Head Start and VPI, GED Testing)

Montgomery County Public Schools

Project HOPE, New River Valley (PHNRV) is a community-based program, which involves extensive public-private partnerships among 5 school systems (Montgomery, Giles, Floyd, Pulaski, and Radford), shelters, higher educational institutions, Department of Social Service, churches, and concerned individuals throughout the region of New River Valley. Under the McKinney-Vento grant, the coordinator of the program will meet face-to-face to assess needs for all families with school age children in shelters and transitional housing. For those homeless students who don't live in shelters or transitional housing, the coordinator conducts face-to-face or phone assessments of student and family needs, or consult with the school personnel for making assessment of needs. Based on the needs assessment, PHNRV will facilitate the coordination of services including educational support. Safety planning will be provided for children and families who are victims of domestic violence and for the schools and shelters that work with the children. A portion of the McKinney-Vento grant will be used to support the tutoring and after-school program. Funds will also be allotted for professional development, for instance, NAEHCY (National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth) annual conference for PHNRV Coordinator and five other regional school district staff members.

Newport News Public Schools

Newport News Public Schools will be using the McKinney-Vento grant to maintain a half-time position of Homeless Liaison Specialist. A comprehensive training program will continue to inform school registrars, school administrators, guidance counselors, and faculty about how to serve students who are homeless. The school will continue to circulate materials on educational rights of homeless children and provide transportation so as to keep the children in their school of origin. The grant will be used to compensate a staff person who will meet with students in shelters to determine their needs and provide services in shelters. In addition, homeless students will be referred to summer school and/or summer enrichment activities as needed and be provided with transportation. Finally, the schools are also going to refer parents/guardians of homeless children to appropriate adult education courses that may lead to the attainment of their own educational goals.

Norfolk Public Schools

The Assisting Students and Parents with Illimitable Resources and Education Program (ASPIRE) is an educational program in Norfolk Public Schools dedicated to ensure a quality education for all children and youth. With the support from McKinney-Vento grant, the ASPIRE program will: establish a transportation plan that enables pre-kindergarten children to remain in their early childhood "school of origin" program; improve inter-district transportation coordination, designate a contact person at each school; provide monthly workshops/training sessions for parents; establish a reading library at 5 local shelters; and implement a summer enrichment program. The homeless liaison will recruit teachers to serve as tutors at the shelters and teacher assistants to aid the instructors for the summer enrichment program.

Nottoway County Public Schools

Through this new McKinney-Vento grant opportunity, Nottoway County Public Schools will implement a structured program to improve the services to children and families experiencing homelessness: **OUTREACH**—Offering support (to homeless families and children), Understanding needs (through professional development and through counseling/support sessions), Training others (by reaching beyond Nottoway schools staff members to other service agencies), Recognizing signs (in order to identify the academic and affective needs of children), Educating (through communicating the specific needs of children and provide appropriate education), And Creating **HOPE** (by utilizing federal, state and local tools/programs to accomplish the goals of the program). Under this program, professional development will be provided to educators, other school personnel, Madeline's House employees, and local service agency personnel. The homeless liaison will collaborate with Title I grant programs, shelters, the Department of Social Services, and Nottoway Migrant Office to provide cohesive services. Other specific program activities include enrolling students in after-school and summer activities, tutoring, and inviting parents to attend before or after school session with their children to increase their involvement in their children's education.

Portsmouth City Public Schools

The HARNESS program in Portsmouth City Public Schools provides assistance for homeless students for equal educational access by providing an array of services. These services include providing school supplies, clothing, medical services, after-school tutoring, transportation to the school of origin, and bus passes to the shelters for the access to public transportation. The program liaison will be providing on-site parent workshops (shelters, etc.) and other types of direct student/family services. Furthermore, the liaison will make referrals to other community agencies for appropriate services as a part of the comprehensive city-wide plan of care.

Prince William County Public Schools

Under the McKinney-Vento grant, Prince William County Public schools will implement tutoring, supplemental instruction and enriched educational services for students in eight shelters. Parent education program will be offered to increase parental support and involvement in their children's academic success. Instructional equipment and educational supplies (e.g., a Mathematics Software Library, laptops and color printers for student research and homework needs) will be purchased to encourage student participation in school work. In addition, Prince William schools will also implement after-school tutoring program and a summer enrichment program, with both of them to be staffed with qualified and experienced teachers. Professional development for tutors (e.g., behavior management training, training on how to integrate *Literacy and Language* into summer enrichment curriculum) will be offered on a regular basis throughout the school year. In addition, the liaison will collaborate with shelter directors to adapt space in shelter facilities to have more homework rooms and libraries.

Roanoke City Public Schools

The Roanoke City Public Schools' Homeless Student program provides educational and academic support for homeless students and youth originating from a vast region and even from other states. McKinney-Vento grant will enable Roanoke schools to better implement this program and to offer the coordination and referral of a variety of supportive student services for

this target population. These services include mental health and psychological support, after-school tutoring and mentoring, academic support programs, cultural activities, instruction for preschoolers and misplaced youth, and enhanced transportation services.

Richmond City Public Schools

The goal of Richmond Regional Homeless Education Program (RRHEP) is to ensure access to homeless children and youth to the same free and appropriate public education as is provided other children and youth in the school districts of Chesterfield, Petersburg, and Richmond, with Richmond serving as the lead division and fiscal agent. The McKinney-Vento grant will facilitate this program to target following areas of services: (1) provision of on-site homework assistance and remediation in language arts and math in six shelters to assist students in meeting Virginia SOL objectives; (2) provision of transportation, including inter-district transportation, to facilitate homeless students' return to school and promote school stability; (3) provision of school supplies and educational materials for students; (4) provision of parent training pertaining to the rights for the homeless children and youth, resources, personal advocacy, educational support, and parenting skills; (5) increasing summer educational enrichment experiences; and (6) provision of early intervention for homeless infants and toddlers.

Stafford County Public Schools

Stafford County Public Schools will use the McKinney-Vento grant funding to continue to support the program coordinator position. The program coordinator will continue to oversee all program initiatives, including staff development, policy and protocol implementation, planning district community outreach and advocacy, supervision of staff, and program development and expansion. In addition, the grant will be used to support the development of a half-time regional case manager position, so that systemic case management services could be provided to specifically meet the educational needs of students residing in hotels/motels. Program coordinators, case managers, and homeless liaison will collaboratively provide a range of service activities, including identifying homeless children and youth, providing educational services, offering transportation, providing professional development for educators and other school personnel, and educating parents about the educational rights and resources that are available.

Virginia Beach City Public Schools

The McKinney-Vento grant will facilitate Virginia Beach City Public Schools to support a full time school social worker, who will be providing ongoing case management services to homeless children and youth. A variety of tutoring and homework assistance opportunities will be provided to meet the needs of students in homeless and transitional housing situations. VBCPS will continue providing staff development opportunities for school staff and community members, both from city agencies and not-for-profit agencies. Parents will be provided with opportunities to participate meaningfully in their children's education. Additionally, VBCPS homeless education staff will be working collaboratively with the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation in the implementation of Family Homelessness programs and services.

Wise County Public Schools

The homeless program of Wise County Public Schools will use the McKinney-Vento grant to establish a system that can better identify and serve homeless students. This system will include staff members conducting school social work, attendance, or other related activities to bring awareness in the schools. The opinions from teachers, shelter care providers, parents, and students will be solicited regarding what services would benefit the children and youth. The grant also would help more homeless children and youth to receive the educational interventions they need (tutoring/mentoring, referrals and/or counseling, school supplies, etc.). In addition, with the facilitation from the homeless program, the community agencies providing shelter for homeless children will provide essential school supplies and educational activities and refer students to the school systems for educational services.