

# McK-V Inquirer

A monthly digest of helpful tips and resources for serving children and youth experiencing homelessness  
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## Tip of the Month

## Resource of the Month

### Starting the School Year Off Right

“Effective teachers spend the first few days of the new school year removing any mystery, by teaching students how the class is organized for their learning success.”

“Students want a classroom environment that is safe, predictable, nourishing and trusting, and trusting comes from the surety of consistency. They want to come each day and know what is going to happen in their classroom.”

<http://schoolsofthought.blogs.cnn.com/2012/08/15/my-view-starting-the-school-year-on-the-right-foot/>

### THE 100 MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE EDUCATION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN HOMELESS SITUATIONS

This document is meant to provide basic information and tools to assist parents, youth, educators and advocates in understanding the McKinney-Vento Act. The answers here are general responses based on the law. It cannot be emphasized enough that these are general responses, and that answers could change based on the facts of a particular case. McKinney-Vento issues require a case-specific inquiry. If you require further assistance call your state representatives as indicated on the following page.

## Early Childhood Focus

### Operation Breakthrough



A model program in Kansas City, Missouri is highlighted in this video about how toxic stress can impact a child's lifelong health and well-being. Head Start programs and health care professionals work together to support children and families and help prevent toxic stress.



# Upcoming Events and News

## Resource Links

[Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)

[National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth \(NAEHCY\)](#)

[Administration for Children and Families](#)

[National Center for Homeless Education](#)

[First Focus: Campaign for Children](#)

[Horizon's for Homeless Children](#)

[Early Head Start National Resource Center \(EHS NRC\) webinars](#)

[Institute for Child poverty and Homelessness](#)

[National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

- **Wisconsin's Brown Bag Webinars**
  - 11/16 /16- Child Find: Identifying Families at Risk
  - 1/18/17 - Toxic Stress and The Homeless Family
  - 4/26/17- TBD
- **[National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Conference](#)**  
October 29 – November 1  
Hyatt Regency 9801 International Drive, Orlando FL
- **[2016 Poverty & Homelessness Conference \(PHC\)](#)**  
October 21, 2016  
Stetson University's DeLand Campus  
DeLand, Florida
- **[Poverty Matters! Conference](#)**  
September 14 and 15  
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel  
Appleton

### [National Hotline](#)

SAMHSA's National Helpline (also known as the Treatment Referral Routing Service) is a confidential, free, 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year, information service, in English and Spanish, for individuals and family members facing mental health and/or substance use disorders. This service provides referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups, and community-based organizations. Callers can also order free publications and other information.

For questions or more information on serving homeless children and youth we encourage you to post to the server through which you received this message or contact:

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