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A bi-monthly digest of helpful tips and resources for serving children and youth experiencing homelessness
March, 2017



Tip of the Month

The strategies featured in this section highlight some of the recommendations made in the [federal policy statement](#) on serving families with young children who are homeless. Different strategies will be highlighted in each new issue.

Recommendation #2- Enhance early childhood program and system integration with the Continuum of Care (CoC)'s coordinated entry process CoCs are required to develop and implement coordinated entry processes, which can facilitate partnerships and coordination between homelessness and early childhood efforts.

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/eecd/echomelessn esspolicystatement.pdf>

Resource of the Month

ACCESS TO EARLY
CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES FOR
HOMELESS FAMILIES
WITH YOUNG
CHILDREN: AN
EXPLORATORY
PROJECT

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This policy brief summarizes selected literature on homeless families with children who are less than five years old.

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/eecd/access_to_early_childhood_development_services_for_homeless_families.pdf

Early Childhood Focus



Homelessness jeopardizes the health, early development, and educational well-being of infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children. It also creates unique barriers to enrolling and participating in early childhood care and education. This is especially troubling in light of the fact that over 50% of children living in federally-funded homeless shelters are under the age of five, and therefore at an age where early childhood education can have a significant positive impact on their development and future academic achievement.

[This page](#) provides resources relevant to early childhood education and young homeless children, including general information, Head Start, child care, and public preschool programs.

<http://www.naehcy.org/educational-resources/early-childhood>



Upcoming Events and News

Resource Links

[Wisconsin Homeless Liaison Directory](#)

[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](#)

[Center for the Study of Social Policy](#)

March 23 - 24, 2017

[How to Be an Awesome Shelter – Dallas](#)

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/news/calendarhow-to-be-an-awesome-shelter-dallas>

April 19, 2017 01:00 PM

[Webinar: National Initiatives Update Youth Homelessness](#)

http://www.funderstogether.org/webinar_national_initiatives_update_youth_homelessness

May 11, 2017

Early Childhood Tribal Workgroup:

Systems Changing to Do What is Best for Our Children

The Pointe Hotel & Suites | Minocqua

[Register >>](#)

July 17 - 19, 2017

[National Conference on Ending Homelessness](#)

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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