

New York City McKinney-Vento Workshop

May 13, 2009

Agenda

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration	Penntop Center, 18 th Fl.
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Session 1 & 2 (Please see below for more details) <i>Introduction to McKinney-Vento</i>	Paris, 6 th Fl.
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Session 1 (Please see below for more details) ❖ <i>NYC Department of Education Track: McKinney-Vento for School-Based Staff</i> ❖ <i>You Think You Know: An Inside Look at Domestic Violence & Vulnerable Youth</i> ❖ <i>Advanced McKinney-Vento Q&A</i>	Penntop South, 18 th Fl. Madison, 18 th Fl. Zurich, 6 th Fl.
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Session 2 (Please see below for more details) ❖ <i>NYC Department of Education Track: McKinney-Vento for School-Based Staff</i> ❖ <i>You Think You Know: An Inside Look at Domestic Violence & Vulnerable Youth</i> ❖ <i>Engaging the Hard to Engage: A Program that Works for Students in Temporary Housing</i>	Madison, 18 th Fl. Zurich, 6 th Fl. Penntop South, 18 th Fl.
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Session 3 (Please see below for more details) ❖ <i>NYC Department of Education Track: McKinney-Vento for School-Based Staff</i> ❖ <i>You Think You Know: An Inside Look at Domestic Violence & Vulnerable Youth</i> ❖ <i>Engaging the Hard to Engage: A Program that Works for Students in Temporary Housing</i> ❖ <i>Advanced McKinney-Vento Q&A</i>	Madison, 18 th Fl. Zurich, 6 th Fl. Penntop South, 18 th Fl. Paris, 6 th Fl.

Description of Presentations

Each presentation lasts one hour, except for “Introduction to the McKinney-Vento Act,” which lasts two hours. Some presentations will be repeated and therefore have multiple sessions listed.

Introduction to the McKinney-Vento Act

Sessions 1 and 2 (this workshop is 2 hours long and will not be repeated)

This workshop will offer an overview of the McKinney-Vento Act, with a particular emphasis on the responsibilities of school districts and district liaisons. We will discuss the legal protections available for students in temporary housing, and successful strategies to meet students’ needs. This workshop is designed for professionals and liaisons who are new to the field as well as seasoned staff who need a basic refresher about the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Act and NYS Education Law § 3209. Topics will include: 1) who is protected by the McKinney-Vento Act; 2) identification strategies; 3) students’ school selection choices; 4) enrollment rights; 5) transportation strategies; 6) the dispute resolution process; and 7) the role of the Liaison.

Presenter: Michelle Frank, Assistant Director, NYS-TEACHS
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NYC Department of Education Track: Introduction to McKinney-Vento for School-Based Staff

All Sessions

The NYC Department of Education’s Students in Temporary Housing Program will lead three sessions

for NYC DOE school-based staff working with students living in temporary housing. These sessions will provide a basic overview of the educational rights of students who are homeless in the New York City school system. Each workshop will provide detailed information about student rights and city protocols for school-based staff who are designated to work with students in temporary housing as part of the NYC DOE's School and Youth Development Consolidated Plan.

Presenter: Susana Vilardell, STH Housing Senior Program Manager, NYC Department of Education
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McKinney-Vento: Questions and Answers for the Experienced

Sessions 1 and 3

This workshop is intended for those with a solid grasp of the McKinney-Vento Act who would like to discuss difficult or ambiguous scenarios. The workshop will be in Q&A format, so come prepared with your questions. Topics may include: eligibility of students living doubled up; enrollment and problems related to documentation; unaccompanied homeless youth; transportation – timeliness, appropriate arrangements; potentially competing mandates faced by liaisons; and the dispute resolution process.

Presenters: Jennifer Pringle, Project Director, NYS-TEACHS
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Jared Stein, Associate Director, NYS-TEACHS
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Engaging the Hard to Engage: A Program that Works for Students in Temporary Housing

Sessions 2 and 3

In this workshop, students who have direct experience with temporary housing will share their stories and offer thoughts about the benefits of membership in a *Students in Temporary Housing (STH) Youth Organization*. The students will discuss their prior perceptions of group memberships, will describe the mission, goals and activities of their organization, and will talk about the group's impact on their educational and social development. With participant input, panelists will analyze the advantages of developing support groups with other homeless youth and will have a frank discussion about the characteristics of staff that promote participation. There will also be an opportunity for Q&A with the students. This workshop will benefit new and experienced liaisons, after-school and weekend STH Activity Coordinators, school-based staff and social service providers.

Participating Students: James Curtis, Rosemarie Osadebe, Luvecia Reneau, Starasia Ringer, Zane Smith, McKinney Williams, Nakia Wright, Naya Wright.

Facilitator: Wayne Harris, STH Content Expert: Brooklyn, NY
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You Think You Know? An Inside Look at Domestic Violence and Vulnerable Youth

All Sessions

Why do so many of our young people runaway from home? Is home that bad for some of our youth? The world of domestic violence affects so many of us. This workshop will discuss how prevalent abuse is in our society. It will look at the most subtle signs of abuse in its most secretive forms. Why do people abuse others? Do abusers have a conscience? Participants will leave this workshop with an understanding of the issue and motivation to make a change. Hard core issues that are difficult to address or ask about will be discussed in this workshop. Participants will feel more comfortable dealing with issues related to why youth runaway from home.

Presenter: Robyn Causey, RHY Coordinator, NYC Dep't of Youth and Community Development
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