CENTERING ANTI-RACIST APPROACHES IN CONVERSATIONS WITH MCKINNEY-VENTO FAMILIES AND COLLEAGUES

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Presenters

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STUDENTS OF COLOR ARE OVER-REPRESENTED AMONG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Data: SchoolHouse Connection’s analysis of 2019 YRBS data from 27 states (AK, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, HI, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MI, MT, NH, NM, NC, ND, PA, RI, SC, SD, VT, VA, WI)
Many States also Collect Data on Student Homelessness by Race

**Schoolhouse Washington**

*Note: The counts below are based on school-level data and vary from the district-level counts reported annually by OSPI. The OSPI counts can be found by clicking here.*

**Washington State**

- **42,599** Students Experienced Homelessness
- **3.5%** Of All Students Experienced Homelessness
- **62%** Of Students Experiencing Homelessness Are Students of Color

**Nighttime Residence of Students Experiencing Homelessness**

- **73%** Doubled Up
- **8%** Housed/Transient
- **13%** Sheltered
- **7%** Unsheltered

**Student Homelessness (%) California**

Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan

Working Paper Series

No Place Called Home: Student Homelessness Prevalence and Structural Correlate

Michael Evangelist and H. Luke Shaefer
University of Michigan
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COMMUNICATIONS GUIDE FOR McKinney-Vento Liaisons

Centering Anti-Racist Approaches to Conversations with Families and Colleagues

McKinney-Vento liaisons are responsible for the identification, enrollment, and the removal of educational barriers for students experiencing homelessness. McKinney-Vento liaisons can create meaningful change in their districts and the lives of students experiencing homelessness by providing internal trainings and connecting students to educational resources and community referrals.

Unfortunately, due to systemic racism across many aspects of American life, Black, Latinx, Native American, and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities experience homelessness at disproportionate rates compared to White and Asian communities. Systemic racism occurs in schools; therefore, it is crucial for McKinney-Vento liaisons to reflect on school protocols and narratives that reinforce racial bias and inequality. Even small intentional changes, such as in our semantics, can have positive effects on family relationships and ultimately, the well-being and success of students.

We created the following tips sheet to help McKinney-Vento liaisons and other school staff reflect on their own communication styles, race, and how institutional racism impacts students and families.

- Inspired by real conversations with McKinney-Vento liaisons and other school staff.
- Intended to promote reflection and action.
- Entry point to larger issues like school segregation and over policing.
Questions?
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Resources

● Centering Anti-Racist Approaches in Conversations with McKinney-Vento Families and Colleagues

Upcoming Webinars

● Serving Native Students Experiencing Homelessness in Montana (April 26th @ 2pm ET)