

Session #6: 2021 Year-In-Review and Preparing for Success in 2022

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021

2:00 - 3:30 PM Eastern

Announcements:

Please take this [poll](#) to let us know what you think about the Community of Practice and help us plan for next year!

Speakers:

- Heather Hanna, MPA, Associate Director, Children and Families, National Conference of State Legislatures (heather.hanna@ncsl.org)
- Cameron Rifkin, MSW, Policy Associate, National Conference of State Legislatures (cameron.rifkin@ncsl.org)
- Alleanne Anderson, Policy and Outreach Associate, SchoolHouse Connection (alleanne@schoolhouseconnection.org)

Resources:

- [NCSL Slides](#)
- [NCSL Handout](#)
- [SHC Powerpoint](#)
- [Legislative Advocacy Resources](#)
- [Local Advocacy Resources](#)
- [2021 State Legislative Session Calendar \(ncsl.org\)](#)
- [ARP-HCY State Plans - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education](#)
- [Housing and Homelessness Legislation \(ncsl.org\)](#)

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency/Organization</u>	<u>City and State</u>	<u>Question: What is your biggest advocacy goal for 2022?</u>
John McGinnis	Maryland State Department Of Ed.	Baltimore, MD	
Jewelyn Kahele	Hawaii Department of Education EHCY	Maui, Hawaii	Education & Awareness of MVA
Deborah Johnson	NASW Oklahoma	Owasso, Oklahoma	
Karen Freedman	Lawyers For Children	NY, NY	
Gabrielle Dresner	Michigan Center for Youth Justice	Ann Arbor, Michigan	

Roxana Rodriguez	YVAC Miami Gómez fir all	Miami Florida	finalize Florida resolutions in regards to homeless youth in education.
Jani Koester	MadisonSchools	Madison WI	
Kevin Spears	SchoolHouse Connection	Durham NC	

Session #5: Youth Leadership in Advocacy Work

Thursday, October 14, 2021
2:00 – 3:00PM Eastern

Announcements:

Upcoming Webinar from our friends at the California Homeless Youth Project: *Making Legislative Victories Matter: Implementing State Legislation on Youth Homelessness* | Oct. 26th 1-2pm EST [Click Here to Register](#)

Tremendous energy is put into proposing, lobbying, and passing bills to refocus government interest and efforts toward youth homelessness. But too often, even after the successful passage of legislation, little change or improvement is experienced or witnessed. In this interactive webinar, participants will:

1. Learn about the California Homeless Youth Project's latest report on California's legislative progress and ongoing gaps faced by youth experiencing homelessness

2. Participate in a discussion around accountability for and implementation of enacted state legislation that be carried out in other states

Community of Practice Next Meeting: End of Year Review: 2021 Highlights in federal and state policy on youth homelessness Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021, 2:00 PM Eastern

Register: <https://bit.ly/3AkHQhE>

Today’s Speakers: Irene, Cece, and Roxana, SchoolHouse Connection Youth Leadership and Scholarship Program

Resources:

SHC’s [Principles of Youth Engagement](#)

SHC Webinar on Youth Engagement ([recording](#) and [slides](#))

Youth Leadership [Resource List](#)

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency/Organization</u>	<u>City and State</u>	Question: Which new/altered federal law(s) most impacted your work this year?
Cecelia Eggleston	SHC	Los Angeles, CA	
Amanda Jones	North Carolina State University (Grad Student in School Psych)	Raleigh, NC	Not federal, but NC passed an anti Critical Race Theory Law which is impacting education across our state
Meredith Giovanelli	Children’s Rights	New York, NY	
Gus Tupper	UC Berkeley Law Policy Advocacy Clinic	Berkeley CA	
Lennon Moore	Covenant House	New Jersey	Vaccine requirements
Brooke Evans	Homeless Student/Alumna and Activist	WI	ERA - It made congregate housing possible while uninsured and disabled

Molly Doran	The Annie E. Casey Foundation	Baltimore, MD	Consolidated Appropriations Act
Lori Puzio	Venture Academy	Meriden, CT	
Amy Swabby	Venture Academy	Meriden, CT	
Ivie Efanayi	Venture Academy	Meriden, CT	
Jani Koester	Madison Schools	Madison	

Session #4: Best Practices in Local Advocacy

Wednesday, September 8, 2021
 2:00 - 3:30 pm (EST)

Guest Speakers:

- Sheleah Harris, M.Ed., Shelby County (TN) School Board Commissioner *and* Founder & Executive Director, [Living Grace Memphis](#)
- Beth Holger, Chief Executive Officer, [The Link](#) (Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN)

Resources:

- [Local advocacy resources](#)
- Beth Holger’s [slides](#) and [e-mail address](#)

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency/Organization</u>	<u>City and State</u>	<u>Getting to know you:</u> What are you most excited for this fall/winter (personally or professionally)?
Britney Richardson	Buckingham Co. Public Schools	Buckingham, VA	Boots/Hoodies, Cool Weather, and Warm Coffee
Amy Honodel	Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada	Las Vegas, NV	Temperatures below 100, Halloween, annual holiday party hopefully
Alex Johnson	Bloomfield School District	Bloomfield, NM	Pumpkins & snow!
Brianna Murphy	Results for America	Washington, DC	Sweaters
Stephanie Quinlan	Perry Township Schools	Indianapolis, IN	Brisk walks with my dogs through the beautiful trees & Marching Band performances
LaNell Segura	Rio Rancho Public Schools	Rio Rancho, NM	A break
Stacy Pollard	Family Promise	Summit, NJ	My grass turning green again!
Sarah Mehrotra	The Education Trust	Washington DC	Hot chocolate
Colin Usher	Nevada Department of Education	Carson City, NV	Getting finished with the fire season
Catherine Knowles	Metro Nashville Public Schools	Nashville, TN	Fall weather
Maria Leon Rodriguez	Merced Union High School Dist.	Merced, C A	I enjoy the weather & colorful leaves
Brooke Evans	Homeless Student/Alumna and Activist	WI	Fall feels like the chance for another impactful year
Lydia Speler	Outreach, Inc.	Indianapolis, IN	Chilly weather
Natalece Washington	National Association of Counsel for Children	Atlanta, GA	Hot Chocolate! (Extra Marshmallows)

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Leslie Navarro-wal...	Cherry Creek School District	Denver, CO	Changing leaves and fall weather
Lucia Rodriguez-V	San Juan Unified School District	Sacramento, CA	Getting cozy on rainy days and watching movies with my family.
Lynda Weinstein	Florida Keys Children's Shelter	Tavernier, FL	Trick or Treating with my granddaughter! :)
Rosalie Nava	New Mexico Appleseed	Albuquerque, NM	Balloon Fiesta
Jazmyn Ferguson	City Year	Dallas, Texas	Sweatshirt Weather!
Jill Merolla	Supervisor of Community Outreach and Grant Development Homeless Liaison	Warren, Ohio	Cooler weather-football season!!!
Toby Gill	Child Advocates, Inc.	Indianapolis, IN	FALL LEAVES
Cynthia Dean	Child Advocates, Inc.	Indianapolis, IN	bonfires
Roxana R Monzon	Helping Our Miami Dade Youth/Miami Homes for All	Miami, Florida	Seasonal foods and movies
Cecelia Eggleston	Schoolhouse Youth Connection	San Jose, CA	Starting in person college!
Meghan Mead	NM Appleseed	Santa Fe, NM	Foliage and holidays!
Jani Koester	TEP McKinney Vento	Madison Wi	Colors and cool breezes
Romunda Valentine	Student	Indianapolis, In	Graduating

Best Practices in State Advocacy

Building Teams for Change Community of Practice

July 14, 2021

2:00 - 3:30 pm (EST)

Please sign in below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency/Organization</u>	<u>City & State</u>	<u>Share your favorite summer activity with the group!</u>
Chandler Ketelsen	SHC Scholar	Tacoma, Washington	Floating down the river
Melissa Jacobowitz	Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth	Las Vegas, NV	Hiking!
Ridha Kapoor	Coalition for Juvenile Justice	Folsom, California	Painting
Lydia Speler	Outreach, Inc.	Indianapolis, IN	Rock Climbing / Slack Lining
Mariah Fleming	Center for Children's Advocacy	Hartford, CT	Kayaking
Leslie Navarro-Walker	Cherry Creek School District	Denver, CO	Festivals and Concerts
Rose Nava	New Mexico Appleseed	Albuquerque, NM	Hiking and camping
Mac Caldwell	Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc (MIRCI)	Columbia, SC	Cookouts
Kristan Powell	Palmetto Place Children's and Youth Services	Columbia, SC	Camping
Kristen Gast	National Center for Youth Law	Los Angeles, CA	Camping by rivers
Julie Woods	Learning Policy Institute	Denver, CO	Hiking, being outside!
Stephanie Levin	Learning Policy Institute	Philadelphia, PA	Walking on the beach
Andrew Salazar	New Mexico Child Advocacy Networks	Albuquerque, NM	Rock Climbing
Sarah Mehrotra	The Education Trust	Washington, DC	Eating ice cream
Scarlett Lara-Alcantara	Center for Children's	Hartford, CT	Hiking w/ dogs

	Advocacy		
Jani Koester	Implement McKinney Vento in Madison schools	Madison, WI	Time to read
Lisa Pilnik	Independent Consultant (child welfare/juvenile justice/youth homelessness)	Silver Spring, MD (DC area)	Ice cream!
Romunda Valentine	DSW student	Indianapolis, In	Spending more time with friends and family
Diego Rosales	SHC Scholar	Boise, Idaho	Paddle Boarding
Brooke Evans	Homeless Student/Alumna and Activist	WI	Summer has been a very stressful period in my life for many years because my education has been an anchor
Susan Haley	Student Services Coordinator and McKinney-Vento Liaison	Fairplay, CO	ATVing while aspen leaves are falling

Session Resources

1. [Legislative Advocacy Resources](#)

Upcoming State Policy Community of Practice Sessions

- August 23 - 26, 2021: Sector-Specific Breakout Groups
- Wednesday, September 8, 2021: Best Practices in Local Advocacy
- October 25 - 28, 2021: Region-Specific Breakout Groups
- Wednesday, November 10, 2021: End-of-Year Review

[Building Teams for Change: Community of Practice Facebook Group](#)

Building Teams for Change: Community of Practice

May 12, 2021

**Please sign-in below.*

<u>Name</u>	<u>City & State</u>	<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Share an advocacy or work-life balance resource you think the group will find valuable.</u>
Carol Uden	Yuma, AZ	Crane Elementary School District	
Karie Ward	Michigan	Fostering Success Michigan	
LaNell Segura	Rio Rancho, NM	Rio Rancho Public Schools	
Rebecca Rhoads	State of New Jersey	Department of Community Affairs	Homelessness expertise related to issues outside education -
Christian Hooten	Hopkinsville KY	The Salvation Army	
Romunda Valentine	Indianapolis, In	Doctorate student	
Ashley Mariano	Canfield, OH	ESCEO	Headspace app
Ryan Crowe	Fairfax VA	Family PASS	Lift weights
Patricia Julianelle	Washington DC	SHC	Taking my computer outside to work in the sun
Gabriella McDonald	Austin, TX	Texas Appleseed	
jaboa lake	Washington, DC	Center for American Progress	Take breaks to write cards and letters to loved ones
Cecelia Eggleston	San Jose, CA	SHC	Going on walks to take screen breaks
Beverley Cramner	Michigan	Huron Valley Schools	Mid-day walks frequent breaks
Wayne Jones	Pgh, PA	YHF	Wool sweaters, fall

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Session Resources

2. [Post-Session Survey](#)
3. [Session PowerPoint](#)

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Community of Practice Book List

Building Teams for Change: Community of Practice
March 25, 2021

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City and State</u>	<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>What brings you hope when you think about advocating for young people experiencing homelessness?</u>
Patricia Julianelle	Fort Myers FL	SHC	Those late-night, last day of session bill passages!
Donna Sheen	Laramie WY	Wyoming Children's Law Center, Inc.	The number of people working on this issue!
Michelle Anderson	Torrington, CT	EdAdvance	Working with youth and hearing their voices
Cathy Mohnike	Lincoln, NE	NDE	People are paying a little more attention
Heather Anderson	Paducah, KY	Paducah Public Schools	Reduction/end of homelessness
Sarah Mehrotra	Washington, DC	The Education Trust	Holding each other accountable/constantly working toward equity
Lydia Speler	Indianapolis, IN	Outreach, Inc.	Hearing youth voices.
Joe Willard	Phila., PA	PEC\YSI	Momentum to change services and supports
Natalece Washington	Atlanta, GA	NACC	Momentum of the many champions
Cecelia Eggleston	San Jose, CA	SHC	Seeing others succeed in their education.
Catherine Knowles	Nashville, TN	Metro Nashville Schools	The power of community advocacy
Jani Koester	Madison, WI	Madison Metropolitan School District	Working alongside with youth, empowering youth to share their voice and support advocating for their needs as well as sharing awareness with legislators
Bianetth Valdez	Portland, OR	HomePlate Youth Services	That someone is on their side and their stories and experiences

			matter
Debra Albo-Steiger	Miami, FL	Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Project UP-START	Seeing young people who graduate high school and go onto post-secondary education gives me hope.
Cody Schuler	Fargo, ND & Moorhead, MN	FM Coalition to End Homelessness	Small successes in the ND legislature this session.
Kelly Turley	Lynn, MA	Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless	Deeper engagement with young people with lived experience, and stronger commitments from range of stakeholders to address and end youth homelessness
Daisy Vazquez	New York NY	Porticus	youth agency/supportive pathways to avoid becoming homeless or experiencing chronic homelessness
Ingrid Lofgren	Baltimore, MD	Homeless Persons Representation Project	Growing movement towards youth collaboration in program/systems design and advocacy / Youth voice + older adult desire and skills to shift power
Romunda Valentine	Indianapolis, In	Doctorate of Social Work Student	Hope for a better transition into adulthood without the struggles of homelessness
Danielle Rochelle	Murfreesboro, TN	Middle TN State Univ	Achieving goals and graduating college
Meghan Mead	Santa Fe, NM	New Mexico Appleseed Poverty Advocacy Lab	Legislative and policy changes driven by community and youth voices.
Diahann De Ruggiero	Paramus, NJ	Region I MKV Director for six counties in NJ.	Programs like School House Connection.
Stephanie Levin	Philadelphia, PA	Learning Policy Institute	LPI wants to conduct useful research to support your work
Brooke Evans	Madison, WI	Homeless Activist	That there is a future for us.
Lisa Pilnik	Silver Spring, MD	Consultant to several advocacy and membership orgs.	Young people's strength and resilience.

Sarah Lowe	Covington, KY	Legal Aid of the Bluegrass	Every win that benefits a family or child.
Ridha Kapoor	Folsom, CA	Coalition for Juvenile Justice	Making young people feel safe and empowered.
John Kramkowski	Tucson, AZ	Tucson Unified School District - Homeless Education and Resource Team	Helping students to succeed academically and break the poverty cycle.
Lindsay Moore	Grand Blanc, MI	Midwest Regional Director, Family Promise	knowing sometimes we are the only voices cheering them on and advocating them!
Jennifer Kottke	Los Angeles, CA	Los Angeles County Office of Education	Love seeing families and students benefit and open doors to brighter futures.
Mary Fondrisi	Jeffersonville Indiana	Southern Indiana Pro Bono Referrals	Hoping to connect with other resources for assistance and to offer our connections to link with our resources.
Jessica Maxwell	Los Angeles, CA	National Center for Youth Law	The resiliency of young people, and the growing awareness of the educational equity needs.
Melanie Mendonca Parent Coordinator District 23 K518	New York City, NY	New York Department of Education	Better understanding on the State Policy and how it can better engage or parents
Dr. Debbie Johnson	Owasso, OK	NASW-Oklahoma	The power of networking

Upcoming State Policy Community of Practice Sessions

- Wednesday, May 12, 2021: Data, Advocacy, and the Needs of Special Populations
- Wednesday, July 8, 2021: Best Practices in State Advocacy
- Wednesday, September 9, 2021: Best Practices in Local Advocacy
- Wednesday, November 10, 2021: End-of-Year Review

Session Resources

- [Principles of Youth Engagement: Ethically and Efficiently Engaging Youth with Lived Experience in Education, Program Design, and Advocacy](#)

- [Principles of Youth Engagement Webinar Registration Link](#)

[Session One Recording](#)

- [Passcode: H6VbN7e!](#)

[Session One Exit Survey](#)

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