

# **American Rescue Plan - Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY): Launching Statewide Initiatives and Increasing Programming**

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# ARP-HCY State Plan



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- GaDOE developed a data driven ARP-HCY state plan with support from the MV Advisory Council and other stakeholders.
- 75% of ARP-HCY funds were distributed to local LEAs for support of students experiencing homelessness.
- 25% of ARP-HCY funds remained at the state for implementation of state-wide initiatives.





# Awareness Campaign

# MVP Awareness Campaign

## WHY?

- Increase Statewide identification and awareness of the needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness
- Raise awareness and educate the general public about the McKinney-Vento Act and how this applies to children and youth experiencing homelessness in our State.

# MVP Awareness Campaign

## WHO?

- As part of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) approved American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) State Plan, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) will contract with Chandley Communications Inc. to provide an awareness campaign using multi-media services.

# MVP Awareness Campaign

## WHAT?

- The contracted scope of work incorporates a strategic MVP awareness campaign that includes:
  - Out-front Media 12 to 16-week campaign that includes Static billboards, bus shelters, posters as well as multi-language mobile ads strategically placed within target areas.
  - Two (2) digital billboards strategically placed in Savannah, Augusta, Macon, Dawsonville and/or Valdosta.
  - Eight (8) digital billboards statewide.
  - Cable and Internet Media 12-week campaign including Cable and streaming TV in Atlanta, Valdosta, Dalton, and Savannah areas



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## Discussion:

**What are your thoughts so far about the projected MVP awareness campaign plan? Will this be helpful for your school district? Community? Liaison Support? Families experiencing homelessness?**

**Share some of your district's community resources being used to raise awareness pertaining to children and youth experiencing homelessness.**



# Professional Development

# McKinney-Vento.org

Statewide Virtual Training Platform



McKinney-Vento  
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# McKinney-Vento.org

- The Georgia Department of Education is working collaboratively with McKinney-Vento.org to provide online professional development and trainings for McKinney-Vento liaisons and district staff. Liaisons are now able to provide training to your staff via this online platform. This training platform is optional and can be distributed at any time this school year.

# McKinney-Vento.org

## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS (for new accounts)

- To create a new account go to: McKinney-Vento.org and click **register** tab at the top of the webpage.
- Fill out your name and school email address.
- **Select “I am a liaison.”**
- Select your state, county, and district in the registration form.
- If you are the liaison for your entire LEA, select “Liaison for this entire district.” If you are the liaison for a specific school, select your school from the dropdown.
- Select “Create Account”.
- After submitting your registration, a member of our staff will approve you as the LEA or school liaison within one business day and will send an email notification of your approval. **Please allow one business day for the email arrival and be sure to check your spam/junk folders for this email if it seems you have not received it.**
- In your approval email, click the provided link to create your account password.
- Once your password is created, you can log in and begin your training courses at: mckinney-vento.org/login. If you do not see your courses, click the **Learn** tab on the top right.
- Once you complete the course, you can download your certificate.
- Please plan for approximately **4-6 hours** to complete this training (depending on your experience as a liaison).
- **Reports:** Being the facilitator of courses, you can check on the status of your staff’s progress through their training easily by running a report within your MV Learning platform. Here is a [Demo Video](#) on how to run reports.



# McKinney-Vento.org

As of 9/20/22...

- **14** Districts have implemented this training
- Over **1313** individuals have completed the virtual training
- Staff trained include
  - Social Workers
  - Counselors
  - Teachers
  - Enrollment Staff
  - Early Childhood Staff
  - Transportation Staff
  - Administrators
  - Food Service Staff
  - Healthcare Staff

# SchoolHouse Connection



- Developing a free statewide McKinney-Vento training for all staff
- Virtual training will be available to all districts throughout Georgia beginning July 2023
- Training will be accessible through the GaDOE Community Platform - <https://login.community.gadoe.org/>
- Training will be owned by GaDOE



Please complete the following [survey](#):

# Professional Development

## Discussion:

**What feedback can you provide related to the McKinney-vento.org trainings? What was good? What needs improvement?**

**What content do you feel is most important to be included in the School House Connection training modules?**

# Community Collaborations



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## **Credit Recovery: Georgia Virtual School (GVS)**

- Identified students experiencing homelessness are eligible for fee waivers for any expenses related to credit recovery or new credits necessary for graduation
- District contact should notify GVS at time of enrollment that student qualifies for McKinney-Vento fee waiver
- GVS will collaborate with GaDOE McKinney-Vento program regarding payment for McKinney-Vento students

# Community Collaborations

## Mental Health Coaching: Jet Doc

(\*Pending State Board Approval)

- Provides mental health coaching services to students experiencing homelessness in areas where services are not available or barriers to access exist
- Services will be available on demand 24/7 for students to access
- District liaisons will make referrals for students experiencing homelessness in need of services (More information on process post board approval)
- Jet Doc will obtain parent/guardian permission for services

# Community Collaborations

## Post-Secondary Emergency Funds Assistance: EMBARK Georgia

- Mission: to increase college access and retention for youth who have experienced foster care or homelessness
- Emergency funds available to assist students experiencing homelessness with transitioning to post-secondary education
- Can be used to assist with deposits (ex. Housing) required prior to receive financial assistance funds

# Community Collaborations

## Post-Secondary Emergency Funds Assistance: EMBARK Georgia

- Liaisons are eligible to request funds on student's behalf
- Maximum amount to request is \$500
- To request funds contact Embark Georgia at [embark@fanning.uga.edu](mailto:embark@fanning.uga.edu) and include the following information:
  - Briefly describe the circumstances surrounding this need as they transition to postsecondary: when did this need arise, what has the student tried to get this need met, etc.
  - Indicate if the student has applied for other sources of funding for this specific need and list the sources, the amount applied for, and the status of the request
  - Describe the timeline for this need. Does this need have a certain date by which it must be resolved? For example, is it a medical bill that must be paid by a certain date to keep the student from being sent to collections?



# Community Collaborations

## Post-Secondary Relationship Building: EMBARK

- Regional Coalitions – plans to create 6 coalitions across the State
- Goal: To build relationships with regional partners who are serving the population of students experiencing foster care and homelessness to provide adequate relational supports to transition into and be successful in a postsecondary educational opportunity.
- Coalitions will provide opportunities for:
  - Relationship building among associated professionals:
    - ❖ Embark Georgia Designated Points of Contact
    - ❖ GaDOE Foster Care and Homeless Liaisons
    - ❖ GA DFCS Independent Living Program and regional support professionals
  - Information sharing about resources, strategies, and other supports
  - Information sharing about national trends and leadership skill development opportunities
  - Sharing of challenges and opportunities that members of the coalition experience that are barriers to student success or hinder their ability to support students.

# Community Collaborations

## Tutoring: Tutor.com

State Board Approved – August

- Provides tutoring services to students experiencing homelessness in areas where services are not available or barriers to access exist
- Services will be available on demand 24/7 for students to access
- Services can be on-demand (homework help) or scheduled tutoring sessions for help in a particular area
- Students will also have access to:
  - Essay review services,
  - SAT/ACT test prep classes
  - AP test prep
  - ASVAB practice quizzes
  - College scholarship essay assistance
  - Resume and cover letter assistance

# Community Collaborations

## Tutoring: Tutor.com

- Tutoring services available in Spanish and French (coming soon)
- On-demand services available through chat and voice. Tutor and student work together through white board.
- Scheduled tutoring sessions allow student to see tutor but tutor does not see student's face.
- District liaisons will make referrals for students experiencing homelessness in need of services. More information coming soon regarding process.

# Community Collaborations

**Discussion:**

**What are we missing?**

**What other state-wide collaborations or programming are needed to meet the needs of students experiencing homelessness across the state?**



# Questions and Discussion



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