



VCOE Homeless Education Program News

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Youth Ride Free Promotional Program

The Youth Ride Free Promotional Program allows youth 18 and under and those over 18 enrolled in high school to ride any public transit bus in Ventura County for free, anytime, anywhere. High school aged youth should be prepared to show ID to board for free. This pilot program will continue through the 2022-23 academic year.

[Learn more here!](#)

Understanding Your Options When Facing Eviction VC HSA

The County of Ventura has created an eviction prevention/know your rights video, in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), narrated by our former 5th District Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, which helps people understand their rights and encourages them to follow appropriate legal steps, including applying for rent relief.



What's New at CDE:

- *Supporting Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Using Title I, Part A: Requirements, Reservations, and Uses* PowerPoint
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy/documents/homelessnesstitlei.pptx>
- *Back to School for Homeless Children and Youth* PowerPoint
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy/documents/backtoschool.pptx>
- *American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) September 7, 2022* PowerPoint
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/documents/arphcyfunds.pptx>

National Center for Homeless Education, technical assistance center for the U.S. Department of Education, has published updated briefs. Here is the list of the most recent ones:

Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness Who Have Disabilities: Federal Provisions to Increase Access and Success

This brief will review the educational rights of children and youth guaranteed in the McKinney-Vento Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and provide information to improve the educational access and success of students experiencing homelessness who have disabilities.

Domestic Violence, Homelessness, and Education Services

The brief will highlight the role of school and school districts in supporting students who are experiencing homelessness and impacted by domestic violence; summarize relevant parts of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA); and recommend collaborative practices for educators and service providers to support adults, children, and youth who are experiencing homelessness and impacted by domestic violence.

Access to Food for Students Experiencing Homelessness

This brief provides an overview of hunger and its impact on children and youth experiencing homelessness; explains the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child Nutrition Division (CND) policies regarding eligibility for free school meals for students experiencing homelessness, including runaway students; and offers strategies to ensure that students experiencing homelessness can access food both inside and outside of school.

Trainings through NCHE:

Visit the website at <https://nche.ed.gov/group-training/> for complete webinar descriptions and to register for any of the sessions below.

- SUPPORTING THE EDUCATION OF UNACCOMPANIED STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS - Wed 10/5/22, from 11-12 p.m.
 - MCKINNEY-VENTO 101: BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT Tues 10/25/22 from 11-12 p.m.
 - PAVING THE WAY TO COLLEGE FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS Mon 11/7/22 from 11-12 p.m.
 - UNDERSTANDING DOUBLED UP Wed 11/30/22 from 11-11:45 a.m.
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Link to [Legislative Update](#) on Housing in California