

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

“...Through it all, school is probably the only thing that has kept me going. I know that every day that I walk in those doors, I can stop thinking about my problems for the next six hours and concentrate on what is most important to me. Without the support of my school system, I would not be as well off as I am today. School keeps me motivated to move on, and encourages me to find a better life for myself.”

LeTendre Scholar and Formerly Homeless Student



Building Futures Through Education

Nationally, an estimated 1.35 million children will experience homelessness over the course of a year. These children face unique barriers to obtaining the education that is their best hope of escaping poverty as adults. Children in families experiencing homelessness need the assistance of educators, service providers, and advocates to enroll in school and access services so that they may participate fully in educational opportunities. The annual conference of the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) enables educators, school and community program directors, shelter and service providers, and advocates to learn how best to assist homeless children and youth, share information and strategies, and feel re-energized and committed to their mission.

In a Neighborhood Near You

The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) is a grassroots membership organization composed of state and local educators who work to ensure the school access and success of children whose lives are disrupted by the loss of housing. Our members work in schools and education agencies across the country, as well as in shelters and community organizations. We are on the front lines identifying, enrolling, and coordinating services for homeless children and youth. NAEHCY members played an essential role assisting children displaced by the Gulf Coast hurricanes. NAEHCY is also instrumental in shaping federal policy and providing public education and technical assistance to communities nationwide.

Annual Conference

Blazing Trails and Moving Mountains: Educating All Our Children and Youth

November 10-13, 2007

Oregon Convention Center | Portland, Oregon

NAEHCY's 19th Annual Conference is a unique showcase for best practices and services from across the country. It is the only national conference dedicated to improving the well-being of homeless children and youth.

NAEHCY's conference equips educators and advocates nationwide with the knowledge, skills, information, and inspiration they need to remove barriers and help ensure that every child and youth experiencing homelessness is successful – academically, personally, and socially.

Each year, approximately 600 attendees from across the United States and its territories, including state coordinators for the education of homeless children and youth, local school district liaisons, homeless service providers, school district administrators and program coordinators, educators, policy-makers – and all who care about ensuring school academic achievement and the overall success for children and youth whose lives have been disrupted by the lack of safe, permanent, and adequate housing.