

22ND ANNUAL NAEHCY CONFERENCE

THE ONLY NATIONAL CONFERENCE DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE WELLBEING OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

ROUNDING UP SOLUTIONS

EDUCATING ALL OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NOVEMBER 6-9, 2010
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NAEHCY's annual conference is a unique showcase for best practices and services in education and homeless provision from across the country. 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.

Help us round up new solutions by joining us there! Keep watching our web site for more information about the conference. We are currently accepting proposals to present. The deadline for submission is June 7, 2010.

In these four amazing days, I learned fresh strategies to make the McKinney-Vento Act work for children and youth in my community. And I discovered that while I may feel alone in my district, I have this great network of support to draw on!

21st NAEHCY Conference Attendee

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- School District Homeless Liaisons
- State Coordinators of Homeless Education
- School Administrators
- Special Education Personnel
- School Social Workers, Counselors, Psychologists & Nurses
- Title I Personnel
- School Transportation Staff
- Early Childhood/Head Start Program Staff
- Charter School Directors
- Homeless Service Providers
- Child Welfare Workers
- Community Service Providers
- Teachers
- Mental and Behavioral Health Providers
- College and University Instructors
- Policy Analysts

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

The University of Texas at Austin is offering CEUs to conference attendees at no additional cost. Attendees will receive credits in the areas of Social Work, Counseling, Education, and Therapy that can be used to fulfill educational or professional requirements.

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BUILDING FUTURES THROUGH EDUCATION

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The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY), a national grassroots membership association, serves as the voice and the social conscience for the education of children and youth in homeless situations. NAEHCY connects educators, parents, advocates, researchers, and service providers to ensure school enrollment and attendance, and overall success for children and youth whose lives have been disrupted by the lack of safe, permanent, and adequate housing. NAEHCY achieves these goals through advocacy, partnerships, and education.

Each year, an estimated 1.5 million children and youth experience homelessness in our nation's towns, cities and counties. Those students lack the stability and peace of mind we all hope to be able to give our children. On a regular basis, children and youth report that school is a home to them – a place where they see the same faces, sit in the same seat and can put their hearts and minds into pursuits that take their minds off their daily troubles and gain the skills needed to avoid poverty and homelessness as adults. Our members work in schools, education, and advocacy 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 supports those in the field through legislative advocacy and technical assistance. See NAEHCY's publications and legislative updates on our web site for examples of how we accomplish this. Join NAEHCY today to support us in these efforts.

LETENDRE EDUCATION FUND

NAEHCY administers the LeTendre Education Fund to provide academic funding, resources, and mentoring to students who have experienced homelessness. Essays submitted to the scholarship program provide testimonies of disruption, deprivation, and stolen childhoods. In one, a high school senior describes how people became tired of him and his mother sleeping on their floors, and of the toll on his mental health and education. Another student reveals that since the 5th grade, she has lived wherever she could, never knowing how long she would have a roof over her head. Homelessness, in her words, means "no steadiness, and no safety."

LeTendre scholars are honored each year in a reception at the annual conference. Past attendees have described this event as the grand highlight of the conference, "making real and true the work we do everyday." Learn more about this scholarship fund at our web site. Deadline to submit applications for the 2010 award is September 17, 2010. See the NAEHCY web site for more information.

I am going to take these circumstances that I didn't choose and I am going to make the best of it. I have been refined by fire.

2009 LeTendre Scholar

ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

- Basics of Implementing the McKinney-Vento Act
- Best Interest Decision-Making for School Stability
- Confirming Eligibility for McKinney-Vento Services
- Transportation Challenges and Successes
- Connecting Community and School Resources
- Collaboration with Title I, Special Ed, and other Federal Programs
- Head Start Implementation and Early Education
- Unaccompanied Youth
- Legislative and Policy Updates
- Research
- Strategies for Supporting Children in Foster Care

It was really beneficial to learn from and connect with national experts, seasoned liaisons, and state-level program staff.

However, it was the sessions with youth who had been homeless that brought all the learning together and reminded me why I am here.

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MORE INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

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