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*Educating ALL Our Children*



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION  
OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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Dear NAEHCY Members,

Welcome to Albuquerque and NAEHCY's 24th Annual Conference! On behalf of the NAEHCY Board and consultants, I thank you for your attendance and participation in this valuable professional development opportunity. We are counting on you to implement "Red Hot Solutions" in your communities to ensure access to quality education for all of our children and youth.

This national gathering presents a unique opportunity for networking, sharing best practices and exchanging ideas among state coordinators, local liaisons, policy makers, and our many partners in educating today's children and youth. During these few days, you will acquire new resources, engage with experts in the field, and learn about the latest evidence-based practices. We hope to tug at your heart strings, nurture your soul, feed your mind, arm you with information, introduce new ideas and innovations, and connect you with a larger community of colleagues who are as passionate about education as you are.

As a conference attendee, you are now officially a Member of NAEHCY. Congratulations and welcome to the NAEHCY Family! We count on our network of members to advance our mission through advocacy, partnerships, and education. You are invited to attend our Annual Membership Meeting on Monday, October 29th at 7:00 PM where you can learn more about opportunities for engagement with NAEHCY long beyond the conference.

This year, we are pleased to offer several "firsts." We are introducing a mobile application. Those of you with "smart" phones will have conference details at your fingertips including information on schedules, speakers, and sessions. Please stop by the registration table and let us know what you think of this new feature.

You may have already noticed a new logo and color scheme on our Facebook and Twitter accounts. We are tickled to formally launch our new rebranding. While we remain true to our grassroots heritage, we gave NAEHCY a makeover. Our materials now have a sleek, business-like image.

We are releasing our very first Annual Report. We continue to grow in staff, membership, scope of work, and influence. As a Board of Directors, we are immensely proud of the collective accomplishments of the Association and want to celebrate more publicly. This Annual Report will help NAEHCY reach a broader audience.

We encourage you to tweet about your experiences during our time together using the hash tag #NAEHCY12 on twitter.com. This will allow us to exchange ideas, insights and critical information with each other and our friends and colleagues beyond the conference.

Welcome again to Albuquerque. Your attendance at this conference is evidence of your commitment to the education of our children and youth as well as your own professional growth. Your leadership is needed. America's students are depending on us to protect and expand their educational opportunities.

In celebration of children and youth,

Mattie McVey Lord

President, NAEHCY



**Educating Children and Youth in Homeless Situations: Laws, Policies, and How They Work in Real Life**

Fiesta

Barbara Duffield, Policy Director, NAEHCY (DC)  
Patricia Julianelle, Counsel, NAEHCY (DC)

***This session will be REPEATED during Preconference Institutes II***

This preconference is designed for people who are new to homeless education, or who would like a refresher. We will provide an in-depth explanation of Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Topics will cover eligibility, the role of liaisons, school selection, transportation, immediate enrollment, disputes, preschool, and unaccompanied youth. Other laws, such as Title I, IDEA, Higher Education, and Head Start also will be reviewed. Then, we will use this information to walk through real-life problems, step by step. Presenters will offer concrete strategies for implementing the law in school districts.

**Navigating the Higher Education Process**

Enchantment A-B

Marcia Weston, Director, College Goal Sunday, and Chair, NAEHCY Higher Education Subcommittee (NC)  
Misti Ruthven, Director of Outreach and Access for College, Colorado Department of Higher Education (CO)  
Jennifer Martin, Senior Content Development Specialist, National Association of State Financial Aid Administrators (DC)  
Cyekeia Lee, Higher Education Liaison, NAEHCY (NC)

This session will provide information on assisting homeless youth to access postsecondary programs from preparation to transition to completion. Information and step-by-step support for youth, liaisons, and supporting adults will be provided and all participants will be given a checklist to guide youth in their higher education pursuits. Participants will learn about those roles on a campus that can be helpful to unaccompanied homeless youth before they arrive, gain an understanding of pertinent questions that need to be asked about campus supports, and learn about available services during campus breaks.

**Young Homeless Children: Key Strategies for Success in School**

Enchantment E-F

Bettye Poole, Local Liaison, Evansville (IN)  
Grace Whitney, Head Start State Collaboration Director (CT)  
Francine Hahn, Staff Attorney, Homeless Person’s Representative Project (MD)

Young children experiencing homelessness have more problems with health, development, and learning than poor young children who are not homeless. Establishing a framework for healthier beginnings that will lead to better functioning students and more productive members of society is vitally important. Early childhood Education (ECE) is a key strategy. ECE can have a significant impact on their health, development, and future academic achievement.

**Professional Ethics in Action when Working with Runaway and Homeless Youth**

Pavilion II -III

Jeanne Stamp, Senior Program Coordinator, Texas Homeless Education Office (TX)

Participants will have the opportunity to identify unique ethical issues of homelessness and unaccompanied youth, and of working with these youth populations in school and non-traditional settings. The presentation will address application of professional ethics when working with homeless families, and runaway, unaccompanied, or homeless youth. Participants will be able to identify self-knowledge and understanding of ethical dilemmas and their resolution, and will learn to apply an ethical decision-making model to specific ethical dilemmas when working with these youth populations. This preconference may meet ethics requirements.

**Supporting a Child’s First and Most Influential Teachers**

Tim Stahlke, Senior Program Coordinator, Texas Homeless Education Office (THEO) (TX)

Pavilion I

“Family engagement.” “Parent involvement.” “Student achievement.” We hear these words every day, yet struggle to find solutions to eliminate the barriers parents experiencing homelessness encounter to being actively involved in their child’s education at home and at school. Barriers arise from cultural norms and experiences, organizational structures, or a lack of information and understanding of the educational issues at stake. This interactive session will share proven strategies to help participants improve opportunities for parents in homeless situations play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning.



# NAEHCY AWARDS

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## Outstanding Individual Working in a Program

Beth Griffith-Niemann, Operations and Development Director, Faces Without Places; Cincinnati, Ohio

## Distinguished Service and Leadership

Mark Delorey, Director of Student Financial Aid, Western Michigan University; Kalamazoo, Michigan

Laura Vazquez, Professor, Media Studies, Northern Illinois University; DeKalb, Illinois

## Outstanding Student or Class

Project: You CAN Stay; Students: Henrik Kiaer, Christie Luttrell, Mariana Nabor-Vazquez, Lukas Poischbeg (Mary Ellen Hardy, Homeless Education Coordinator), Everett Public Schools; Everett, Washington

## Sandra Neese Lifetime Achievement Award

Diane Nilan, President, HEAR US Inc.; Naperville, Illinois

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference | Atlanta, Georgia  
November 2-5, 2013**

**Dream, Believe, Achieve:  
Turning Transition into Triumph!**

For details, check NAEHCY's conference page at [http://www.naehcy.org/conf/conf\\_2013.html](http://www.naehcy.org/conf/conf_2013.html).

**Thank you for your RED HOT support  
of this year's Service Project benefiting  
*A Home for Every Child and Cuidando los Niños!***

**Donations of NEW books in English or Spanish for young  
children experiencing homelessness, ages birth to six, will  
benefit many communities throughout the state of New Mexico.**



**Help! I Don't Speak Housing!**

Isleta / Jemez

Jeremy Rosen, Policy Director, National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty (DC)  
 Mattie Lord, Chief Program Officer, UMOM New Day Centers (AZ)

Wouldn't you like to help end homelessness? Our families need housing, but what kind? Permanent or transitional? Affordable, subsidized, or supportive? And through what program? Section 8, HOME, or public housing? What do these mean, and how can our vulnerable families access programs? This session will look at research demonstrating the importance of stable, long-term housing for children and youth and provide a basic framework for understanding terminology, options, and eligibility criteria for housing assistance programs.

**Rural Reality: Understanding Homelessness Outside of an Urban Setting**

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Wendy Kinnear, Regional Coordinator, Pennsylvania's ECYEH (PA)

*This session is a repeat of the session offered during Concurrent Sessions 2.*

A common barrier found in rural areas is the misperception that "we don't have children experiencing homelessness here." The session will focus on a regional approach to identifying and serving children and youth experiencing homelessness in 10 counties in Northwestern Pennsylvania, including an overview of the issues and a discussion of the unique barriers which face rural populations. Urban and rural poverty will be compared and contrasted, and current research, statistics, and trends will be reviewed. Participants will be given a "toolkit" of forms and other materials that can be used and adapted for use in other programs.

**Beyond the In-Service: Getting Your School District Truly Invested in McKinney-Vento**

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Noemi Berumen, Homeless Caseworker, Project HEARTBEAT (TX)  
 Jennifer Jones, Title I Specialist/Homeless Liaison, Socorro ISD (TX)  
 Patricia Julianelle, Legal Director, NAEHCY (DC)  
 Cheryl Thomas, Outreach & Homeless Liaison, Elgin ISD (TX)

*This session is a repeat of the session offered during Concurrent Sessions 2.*

Does your school board chair love McKinney-Vento? Does your registrar call you elated when a homeless student shows back up at school? Do you brainstorm with principals about the best transportation arrangements for students? Building this level of investment takes more than a yearly in-service. Come hear three teams of liaisons, a school board chair, a registrar, and a principal share strategies to turn your whole school district into true McKinney-Vento champions.

**Building a Community System to Support Positive Development and Resilience Among Young Children and Families Experiencing Homelessness**

Santa Anna

Angela Merkert, Executive Director, Cuidando Los Ninos dba CLN Kids (NM)  
 Wendy Wintermute, Advocacy Director, Cuidando Los Ninos dba CLN Kids (NM)

A large body of research confirms the critical importance of early intervention to prevent life-long harm that can result from the trauma of child homelessness. Cuidando Los Niños, in partnership with other community agencies, is developing a comprehensive and integrated system of early childhood development and family support to meet the unique needs and support positive development and resilience among young children and families experiencing homelessness. Participants are invited to a presentation and discussion about how this model is working in Albuquerque and how it might be adapted for other communities.

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**Need to collect your CEU certificate?**  
*You may do all these things by filling out a conference evaluation.*  
**Click on the link at [www.naehcy.org/conf/conf\\_2012.html](http://www.naehcy.org/conf/conf_2012.html)**