



Regional Office of Education #11
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MCKINNEY-VENTO

AREA 4 - REGION 11

FALL NEWSLETTER 2024

REMINDERS

ARP FUNDING

ARP money has to be OBLIGATED by September 30, 2024; completely spent/liquidated by December 30, 2024. There is a process for late liquidations - please reach out to Nehemiah Ankoor (NANKOOR@isbe.net) or NCHE or Teresa Metzger. ISBE has outlined a detailed process that can be passed along.

MANDATORY DISTRICT WIDE TRAININGS

The start day for the MKV in-service bi-annual training officially went into effect on August 20, 2024.

SAVE THE DATES

- South Central Illinois Continuum of Care meeting in Sullivan on Wednesday, October 9th.
- [NAEHCY](#) conference in November - where you will learn about all things McKinney-Vento.

ELN MKV Training (1 PD Hrs.)

MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT FOR

Homeless Students



DISTRICT MONITORING MEETINGS

Our monitoring visits will take place this FALL with the following school districts:

- Cowden-Herrick CUSD #3A
- Cumberland CUSD #77
- Edgar County CUSD #6
- Okaw Valley CUSD #302
- Paris CUSD #4
- Shelbyville CUSD #4
- Villa Grove CUSD #302
- Windsor CUSD #1



McKinney-Vento Calendar of Events

The Ten Legal Duties of the Homeless Liaison

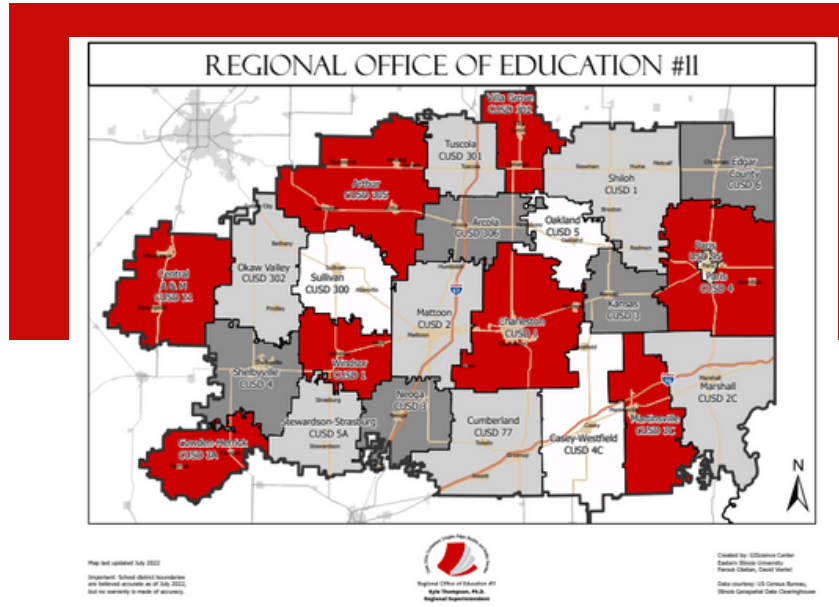
Seven Ways to Help Homeless Students Return Back to School with ARP-HCY Funds



Transportation

District Policy and McKinney-Vento Eligible Students

For transportation that is not to the school of origin, local educational agencies are required to provide transportation that is comparable to that provided to housed students. 42 USC 11432(g)(4)(A). Therefore, the same policy on walk zones would apply to McKinney-Vento students. However, the McKinney-Vento Act also requires LEAs to eliminate barriers to the school enrollment and retention of students experiencing homelessness. 42 USC 11432(g)(1)(I), (g)(7). So if there is something about this particular family's homelessness that is a barrier to walking to school within the 1.5 miles, then the school district would be required to eliminate the barrier, potentially through transportation, depending on the exact situation. That might mean providing a bus or a taxi; gas voucher, bicycle (as long as it is safe and appropriate); providing a crossing guard or helping create a walking group for safety.



Tools & Resources



The Homeless Youth Legal Network Directory is a project of the American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness and Poverty. It includes information that legal providers have shared with the ABA Homeless Youth Legal Network regarding the services they provide to youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

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As of the 2024-2025 school year, Teresa Metzger and Sue Shumway share in the responsibilities of the Homeless Liaison role. Their combined efforts enhance our support and outreach, Should you need any assistance or have any questions, please reach out to us - we're here to help!

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