



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads

Route To: District Registrars, District Homeless Liaisons, Building Principals, Business Administrators, Directors of Special Education Services

From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Educational Services

## McKinney-Vento Liaison Credentialing Program

The federal McKinney-Vento (MV) Act, as reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), recommends that local education agency (LEA) personnel providing McKinney-Vento services (e.g., district homeless liaisons, superintendents, principals, school attorneys, registrars, transportation directors, school counselors, school social workers, Title I directors and teachers, etc.) participate in professional development to better meet the needs of children and youths experiencing homelessness (42 U.S.C. §§ 11432[f][6] & [g][6][A][ix]).

To assist LEAs, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is offering "[Level 1: McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison Training Program](#)" and "[Level 2: McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison Training Program](#)" online courses. These offerings are at no cost to LEA personnel. Participants learn about identification, enrollment, dispute resolution, transportation, and more under the MV Act to help move students toward stability and success. Upon completion of each online course, participants earn a certificate which can count towards professional development hours. The Level 1 and 2 courses are now available for all district liaisons.

By January 31, 2022, New Jersey's MV Regional Coordinators will issue, via email, login instructions for all liaisons.

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