



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: March 2, 2022  
 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 Essential Staff Credentialing Program**

To assist local educational agencies (LEAs) in supplying high-quality professional development for personnel that provide services for children and youth experiencing homelessness under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (MV) (e.g., administration, teachers, school counselors, Title I directors, registrars, librarians, transportation directors, librarians, school counselors, early childhood educators, food service personnel, extracurriculars, etc.), the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is offering an online [McKinney-Vento Essential Staff Training Program](#). These offerings are at no cost to LEA personnel. McKinney-Vento Essential Staff Training courses aim to heighten awareness of all school personnel and build capacity to respond to specific needs of homeless children and youths. Specific courseware (a 15-minute online class) is available for each staff position in the school district, thereby, equipping District Homeless Liaisons (DHLs) with additional ambassadors to ensure the educational excellence and success of children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness.

By March 14, 2022, New Jersey’s MV Regional Coordinators will issue login instructions via email. Contact information for MV Regional Coordinators may be found in the table below.

Region	Coordinator	Email Contact
1. Bergen, Hunterdon, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Warren	Diahann De Ruggiero, Bergen County Special Services School District	<a href="mailto:diader@bergen.org">diader@bergen.org</a>
2. Essex, Hudson, Morris, Union	LaMonica R. Mclver, Essex Regional Educational Services Commission	<a href="mailto:L.Mclver@eresc.com">L.Mclver@eresc.com</a>
3. Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester	Billie Danielle Thomas, Gloucester County Special Services School District	<a href="mailto:bthomas@gcecnj.org">bthomas@gcecnj.org</a>
4. Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean	Alan Ferraro, Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission	<a href="mailto:aferraro@moesc.org">aferraro@moesc.org</a>
5. Cape May, Cumberland, Salem	Christopher M. Snyder, Woodstown-Pilesgrove School District	<a href="mailto:snyder.c@woodstown.org">snyder.c@woodstown.org</a>

**Contact information**

For additional information, please contact the NJDOE McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youths (EHCY) Program Coordinator at (609) 376-3515 or [Mckinney.Vento@doe.nj.gov](mailto:Mckinney.Vento@doe.nj.gov).

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