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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: District Registrars, District Homeless Liaisons, Building Principals, Business Administrators, Directors of Special Education Services
From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
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McKinney-Vento Online Credentialing Programs

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 (DHL), 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 the [McKinney-Vento District Homeless Liaison](#) and the [McKinney-Vento Essential Staff](#) training programs. These online webinars are self-paced, on-demand, interactive learning opportunities offered at no cost to LEAs. 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.

By October 30, 2022, New Jersey's MV Regional Coordinators will issue, via email, login instructions to all DHLs.

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