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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

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Division of Educational Services

McKinney-Vento Online Credentialing Program

The federal McKinney-Vento (MKV) Act, as reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), recommends that local education agency (LEA) personnel providing MKV 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 the [McKinney-Vento District Homeless Liaison](#) training program. 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 MKV 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, 2023, New Jersey’s MKV Regional Coordinators will issue, via email, login instructions for all liaisons:

Region	Coordinator	Email Contact
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2. Essex, Hudson, Morris, Union	LaMonica R. Mclver, Essex Regional Educational Services Commission	L.Mclver@eresc.com
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4. Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean	Alan Ferraro, Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission	Aferraro@moesc.org
5. Cape May, Cumberland, Salem	NJDOE Education of Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program Office	McKinney.Vento@doe.nj.gov

Contact Information

For additional information please contact the McKinney-Vento EHCY Program Coordinator at (609) 376-3515 or McKinney.Vento@doe.nj.gov.

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