

DeKalb County Continuum of Care

Policy for Educational Services for Homeless Children

The DeKalb County Continuum of Care supports efforts to coordinate the sixteen (16) required educational services to homeless children and families as provided for in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. These services and the lead agencies for the services include:

1. Supplemental education services, such as tutoring and other academic enrichment programs.
 - a. Lead Agency - Local School Districts
 - b. Supporting Agencies
 - i. Hope Haven
 - ii. Safe Passage
 - iii. Youth Service Bureau
 - iv. Family Service Agency
 - v. Neighbors House
2. Expedited evaluations for various services
 - a. Lead Agency - Local School Districts
3. Professional development activities for educators and pupil services personnel working with homeless students.
 - a. Lead Agency - Local School Districts
 - b. Supporting Agencies
 - i. DeKalb County Continuum of Care
 - ii. Networking for Families
 - iii. Other agencies as identified
4. Health referral services.
 - a. Lead Agency - Local School Districts Nurses
 - b. Supporting Agencies
 - i. Community Care Clinic
 - ii. DeKalb County Health Department
 - iii. Hope Haven
 - iv. Safe Passage
5. Defraying the excess cost of transportation in order to enable students to attend the school of origin.
 - a. Lead Agency - Local School Districts
6. Early childhood education programs for pre-school-aged homeless children.
 - a. Lead Agency - 4-Cs Community Coordinated Child Care
 - b. Supporting Agencies
 - i. Local School Districts
 - ii. Two Rivers Head Start
 - iii. Private Pre-School Providers
7. Services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain homeless children and youth and unaccompanied youth in public school programs.
 - a. Lead Agency - Local School Districts
 - b. Supporting Agencies
 - i. Youth Services Bureau
 - ii. Hope Haven
 1. Volunteer support
 - iii. Safe Passage
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8. Before-and-after-school, mentoring, and summer programs with educational activities.
 - a. Lead Agencies
 - i. Neighbors House
 - ii. Local Park Districts
 - iii. Kishwaukee YMCA
9. Payment of fees and costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records of homing information for children and youth.
 - a. Lead Agencies - Local School Districts
 - b. Supporting Agencies
 - i. Hope Haven
 - ii. Safe Passage
10. Education and training for parents of homeless children and youth about rights and resources.
 - a. Lead Agencies - Local School Districts
 - b. Supporting Agencies
 - i. Hope Haven
 - ii. Safe Passage
 - iii. 4-Cs
 - iv. Neighbors House
 - v. Kishwaukee YMCA
 - vi. Local Law Enforcement
 - vii. Other agencies as identified
11. Development of coordination between schools and agencies providing services.
 - a. Lead Agency - DeKalb County Continuum of Care
 - b. Supporting Agencies
 - i. Local School Districts
 - ii. Youth Service Bureau
 - iii. Hope Haven
 - iv. Safe Passage
 - v. Networking for Families
 - vi. Other agencies as identified
12. Provision of pupil services (including violence prevention counseling) and referrals for such services.
 - a. Lead Agency - Youth Service Bureau
 - b. Supporting Agencies
 - i. Local Law Enforcement
 - ii. Local School Districts
 - iii. Hope Haven
 - iv. Safe Passage
 - v. Family Service Agency
 - vi. Ben Gordon Center
13. Activities to address needs that may arise from domestic violence.
 - a. Lead Agency - Safe Passage
 - b. Supporting Agencies
 - i. Local Law Enforcement
 - ii. Local School Districts
 - iii. Hope Haven

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- iv. Youth Service Bureau
 - v. Family Service Agency
 - vi. Ben Gordon Center
14. Adaptation of space and purchase of supplies for non-school facilities to provide services listed above.
 - a. Lead Agency - Individual Agencies along with local grants and donation
 15. Provision of school supplies, including those to be distributed at shelters and other appropriate locations.
 - a. Lead Agency - Individual Agencies along with local grants and donation, including annual backpack drives
 16. Other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable homeless students to attend school.
 - a. Lead Agency - Individual Agencies as needed