



McKinney-Vento Voice

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NCHE Corner

The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) provides online training regarding homeless education issues. Click [here](#) for the September dates!

Did you know?

The McKinney-Vento Act provides students experiencing homelessness with the right to:

1. Immediate Enrollment (even without normally required documents)
2. Free Lunch
3. Continue at the school they attended before becoming homeless or the last school attended, if in their best interest.
4. Request transportation to remain at the same school
5. Have enrollment disputes heard and resolved while the student attends class

District Liaisons

Welcome back to a new school year. We look forward to improving collaborative efforts with schools for the benefit of our students.

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North Learning Community, Unaccompanied Youth, ESE/Charter/Alternative Schools

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Southeast & Southwest Learning Communities, Supplemental Academic Services

Christina Savino is the Program Specialist overseeing grant requirements, community involvement, marketing, and daily operations. We continue to have stellar support from **Sherrell Potter** and **Sarai Agosto**, Program Assistants and **Rafael (Jose) Martinez** in the Kids Closet.



Identification is KEY! OCPS can provide specific services to homeless students if they are identified and coded appropriately in the SMS system. Please remember to indicate housing status under the Enrollment tab and Federal Information tab. All supplemental services can only be provided for students who are coded accurately. These codes assist OCPS in compliance with federal guidelines and receiving additional funding for students.

Important Trainings

All school based homeless coordinators and registrars are encouraged to attend the 2014-2015 annual MVP training. Sessions are grouped based on learning community and will be taught by the designated liaison. Please visit [signmeup](#) and choose ONE of the following sessions.

*Tuesday, September 23
8:30am – 11:00pm NORTH*

*Tuesday, September 23
12:30am – 3:00pm
SOUTHWEST*

*Wednesday, September 24
8:30am – 11:00pm EAST*

*Thursday, September 25
8:30am – 11:00pm WEST*

*Thursday, September 25
12:30am – 3:00pm
SOUTHEAST*

*Friday, September 26
8:30am – 11:00pm
CHARTER & SCHOOL CHOICE*

As the MVP Coordinator at your school, please share this newsletter information with your staff. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact the MVP program

407-317-3485
Homeless.ocps.net

Parent Academy

The Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) Parent Academy is a District wide initiative designed to enhance student achievement through the support of community and family involvement. Click [here](#) for more info!

Homeless Student Count
for 08/29/14: 2,091

