**New Liaisons Essential Training**

If this is your first or second year of performing the duties of a Homeless Liaison, include these trainings, as well as the trainings based on the number of Homeless Children and Youth in your LEA

* Read the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) Brief: [Important Information for New Local Liaisons](https://nche.ed.gov/downloads/briefs/new-liaisons.pdf)
* NCHE Webinar (Live or Self-Paced) [McKinney-Vento 101: Understanding the Rights of Students Experiencing Homelessness](https://nche.ed.gov/web/group.php)
* Review [NCHE Liaison Toolkit](https://nche.ed.gov/downloads/toolkit2/toolkit.docx) . Current information regarding duties of Liaisons, with answers to commonly asked questions, sample forms, etc. and key McKinney-Vento Act references.
* [Oregon Department of Education McKinney Vento website](https://www.oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/grants/ESEA/McKinney-Vento/Pages/default.aspx). Current information specific to Oregon school district compliance, District Liaison Contacts, Awareness posters, Homeless student data as well as links to national organizations.

**Advanced Training Suggestions and Opportunities**

**Training** In addition to the items above, following are training suggestions for Liaisons based on needs within the district.

* Attend (or send substitute) to McKinney-Vento Regional Training conducted by State Coordinator’s Office once per year. Training covers key elements needed in place for all LEAs to support homeless students and youth and maintain federal and state compliance.
* [NCHE Webinars (Live or Self-Paced)](https://nche.ed.gov/web/group.php) on Determining Eligibility, Preparing for College, as well as other pertinent topics.
* NCHE Issue Brief: [Determining McKinney-Vento Eligibility under ESSA](https://nche.ed.gov/downloads/briefs/det_elig.pdf)
* [Additional NCHE Issue Briefs](https://nche.ed.gov/briefs.php#best) such as: [When Legal Guardians Are Not Present](https://nche.ed.gov/downloads/briefs/guardianship.pdf) and [Guiding the Discussion on School Selection](https://nche.ed.gov/downloads/briefs/sch_sel_checklist.pdf) Attend Regional and/or County Liaison meetings
* [SchoolHouse Connection Webinars](https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/learn/webinars/archived-webinars/)
* Attend topical conference workshops at:

Confederation of Oregon School Administrators ([COSA](https://www.cosa.k12.or.us/professional-learning/events))

Oregon School Boards Association ([OSBA](http://www.osba.org/Calendar/UpcomingEvents.aspx))

Oregon Association on Comprehensive Education ([OACE](http://www.oace.co/conference.html))

* Oregon Coalition on Housing & Homelessness ([OCHH](https://www.ochh.org/conference-and-events/)) and other conferences. Relevant topics include: Trauma-Informed Care, Dropout Prevention, Reducing Chronic Absenteeism, Serving Unaccompanied Homeless Youths, Early Childhood Education Resources