



2026-2027 Foster Care Technical Assistance and Annual Training Schedule

Foster Care Annual Training (*Virtual*):

Foster Care 101

Join this interactive virtual training designed to strengthen understanding and implementation of the foster care provisions of the [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#). Participants will explore federal requirements that support the identification, enrollment, attendance, and academic success of students and youth involved with the foster care system.

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 – 1:00-3:00 pm Pacific Time (PT) - [Zoom Registration link](#)

Office Hours:

During this time, ODE provides targeted program support for school district staff whose roles center on, or include, supporting the rights of students in foster care, protections, and services to which students are entitled under the [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#).

This space is specifically designed for Foster Care Points of Contact and other school staff who support their district's foster care requirements, responsibilities, and program implementation efforts. **These office hours are from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Pacific Time (PT).**

TOPIC / DATES:

- **Foster Care Transportation (Requirements, Process, and Resources)**
 - [December 8, 2026 – 1:00-2:00 p.m. PT](#)
- **Monitoring and Best Practices**
 - [March 9, 2027 – 1:00-2:00 p.m. PT](#)
- **Local Collaboration and Community Resources / Summer Programming**
 - [May 11, 2027 – 1:00-2:00 p.m. PT](#)
- [Foster Care Office Hours Zoom Registration link](#)



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Coordinators' Corner:

These 'Open' Office Hours allow school staff, liaisons, and partners, to ask questions and receive information specific to identify eligible students, providing transportation, or navigating compliance requirements. This time is available to drop-in, as needed, and provides real-time support from the State Coordinator to strengthen district McKinney-Vento and Foster Care programs. **Meetings take place on the first Thursday of the month, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. PT.**

October 1, 2026
November 5, 2026
December 3, 2026
January 7, 2027

February 4, 2027
March 4, 2027
April 1, 2027
May 6, 2027

Recurrence/Time: First Thursday of each month during the school year, 10:30-11:30 a.m. PT

- [McKinney-Vento & Foster Care Coordinators' Corner Zoom Registration Link](#)

8 Part Webinar Series:

We are offering formal presentations from ODE educational programs and partnering state agencies that provide support and resources for students navigating housing instability, students in foster care, or students who are highly mobile. This space is open for all liaisons, and school staff support students who are navigating housing instability. ***Individual registration is required for each webinar. Each will be recorded and posted to the [ODE Foster Care website](#).***

Part 1 Immunizations and Exclusion Day

An overview of Oregon's student immunization requirements, school responsibilities for tracking compliance, reporting procedures, notification requirements, and the annual Exclusion Day process for students who are highly mobile and may not up to date on required vaccinations.

- **Date:** October 26, 2026: 1:00-2:00 p.m. PT - [Zoom Registration link](#)

Part 2 Charter Schools

An introduction to Oregon charter school statutes, governance structures, accountability requirements, enrollment policies, and responsibilities under ESEA for McKinney-Vento and Foster Care shared between charter schools and sponsoring districts.

- **Date:** November 19, 2026: 2:00-3:00 p.m. PT - [Zoom Registration link](#)



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Part 3 Special Education

A review of federal and state special education requirements, including Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), procedural safeguards, service delivery, compliance monitoring, and district responsibilities under IDEA and how those align to supporting highly mobile students under ESEA for McKinney-Vento and Foster Care.

- **Date:** December 15, 2026: 12:00-1:00 p.m. PT - [Zoom Registration link](#)

Part 4 Graduation Requirements, Credit Recovery, Partial Credit Options

An examination of Oregon graduation requirements, diploma pathways, options for credit recovery, awarding partial credits, and strategies to support students who are highly mobile in staying on track toward graduation.

- **Date:** January 12, 2027: 1:00-2:00 p.m. PT - [Zoom Registration link](#)

Part 5 Chronic Absenteeism, 10 Day Drop

A discussion on attendance requirements, practices on identifying and addressing chronic absenteeism through student engagement strategies, documentation, and low barrier procedures for withdrawing students after extended unexcused absences through the 10-Day Drop process.

- **Date:** February 8, 2027: 2:00-3:00 p.m. PT - [Zoom Registration link](#)

Part 6 Post Secondary Supports/ Career & Technical Education

An overview of programs and resources that help students prepare for life after high school, including college and career readiness initiatives, Career and Technical Education opportunities, work-based learning, and transitions to post-secondary education and employment.

- **Date:** March 30, 2027: 1:00-2:30 p.m. PT - [Zoom Registration link](#)

Part 7 Data Usage, Reporting & Collection Process

Join us for an introduction to utilizing Oregon's student data for Foster Care and McKinney-Vento, data quality practices, privacy considerations, and the use of data to support decision-making, compliance and program development.

- **Date:** April 15, 2027: 1:00-2:30 p.m. PT - [Zoom Registration link](#)

Part 8 Civil Rights

Receive a review of federal and state civil rights requirements affecting schools, including non-discrimination laws, equal educational access, protected classes, complaint processes, and district responsibilities for maintaining safe and inclusive learning environments.

- **Date:** May 7, 2027: 10:00-11:00 a.m. PT - [Zoom Registration link](#)



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Foster Care Annual Training (*On-Site*):

This training will cover the Foster Care Point of Contact role, foster care student rights, collaboration and partnership with ODHS, and implementation practices.

- **When:** Tuesday, October 20, 2026 – [Registration Link](#)
- **Where:** Oregon Fish & Wildlife Building, [4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, OR 97302](#), Commission Room

NOTE: This training follows McKinney-Vento on-site training which takes place on Monday, October 19, 2026. **If you represent BOTH programs, be sure to register for both sessions!** (*Linked to the flyer below*)

External Technical Assistance and Training

- [Legal Center for Foster Care and Education](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education Non-Regulatory Guidance](#)
- [Oregon Department of Human Services \(ODHS\) – Foster Care website](#)
- [ODHS Child Welfare Office Contact Information](#)
- [SchoolHouse Connection \(SHC\) Foster Care Q&A From the Field](#)
- [NAEH CY website](#)



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2026-27 ON-SITE TRAINING

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McKinney-Vento Training

- Monday, 10/19/2026 - 9 am-4 pm PT
 - [Registration link](#)

Foster Care Training

- Tuesday, 10/20/2026 - 9 am-4 pm PT
 - [Registration link](#)

Location:

- **Oregon Fish & Wildlife**
 - [4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, OR 97302](#)
 - Commission Room

**This MKV training
fulfills the Federal
ESEA Requirements
for McKinney-Vento
Liaisons**

**If representing both
programs and attending both
sessions, please register for
each individually!**

McKinney-Vento Advanced Training (Level 3)

For staff with 3+ years experience

- **Wednesday, 10/21/2026** - 9 am-4 pm
- **ODE/Public Service Building/Basement**
 - [255 Capitol St. NE, Salem, OR 97310](#)
 - *Qualifying attendees can indicate use the MKV Training Registration form linked above*