



Wisconsin Early Childhood
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McK-V Inquirer

A monthly digest of helpful tips and resources for serving children and youth experiencing poverty, hunger and homelessness.

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“The summer months often lead to a surge in the number of families and children experiencing homelessness. The reasons for this surge vary but in every community, homeless service systems feel the burden as shelters reach capacity and budgets are tight.”

Additionally, the summer months present unique challenges for homeless children and youth. As the school year ends many students are without the security and routine that the school day provides. Check out this article from the Homeless Resource Center, titled [Family Homelessness; Summertime Struggles](#).

For questions or more information we encourage you to post to the server through which you received this message or contact:

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July Tip

A relevant repeat from last month: Summer Food Program locations in your community [USDA's Summer Food Program page](#).

[Transportation for Homeless Children and Youth: Strategies for Rural School Districts](#)

Resources, Videos and Podcasts

Podcast

Homeless Children, Youth and

Families (http://podcasts.fredonia.edu/audio/by/title/homeless_children_youth_and_families)

Early Childhood Focus

Mothers who have experienced homelessness are more likely to be forced to leave jobs or school due to lack of child care.

25% of homeless mothers reported quitting jobs or school due to problems with their child care, compared to 15% of mothers at-risk of homelessness and 5% of stably housed mothers.

NAEHYC, Fact Sheet: Homeless Children and Early Learning, March 2014 <http://www.naehcy.org/educational-resources/early-childhood>

Local Flavor

The Appleton Area School District created a set of policies and procedures for serving homeless students in their district. The document can be reviewed here and used as a guide for developing policies in your district.

[Sample District Policy and Procedure for McKinney-Vento: Appleton School District](#)

Upcoming Events

- [NAEHYC 26TH Annual Conference](#), OCTOBER 25-28, 2014, Kansas City, MO
 - Beginning in the Fall of 2014 we will begin hosting a series of lunch hour webinars in correlation with some newly developed Tip Sheets. Save these dates...**10/8/14, 12/10/14, 2/11/15, 4/8/15.**
- [SAMHSA's Calendar](#) lists most related national events.