

# McK-V Inquirer

A monthly digest of helpful tips and resources for serving children and youth experiencing homelessness  
January, 2016



## Tip of the Month

### [Developing a Trauma-Informed Approach to Serving Young Homeless Families](#)

“The prevalence of traumatic stress in the lives of families experiencing homelessness is extraordinarily high. “

“In response to the high rates of traumatic Stress among families who are experiencing homelessness, the homelessness service system is working on providing “trauma-informed” care. “

## Resources of the Month

### [The American Almanac of Family Homelessness](#)

**from the Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness**

The American Almanac of Family Homelessness is a publication that describes the situations and characteristics of those millions of children and their parents, as well as the efforts made in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to better identify and serve those families. The Almanac is both a tool for and challenge to advocates, service providers, policymakers, funders, and families. It represents the factors that influence and impact family homelessness, as well as steps that are being implemented and disseminated across the country.

## Early Childhood Focus

### [Head Start is ‘Life-Changing’ for At-Risk Children](#)

Sylvia Acevedo, White House Initiative for Educational Excellence for Hispanics as the Chair of the Early Childhood Subcommittee, shares her story as “one of the more than 32 million children Head Start has served over the past 50 years.”

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2015/10/head-start-is-life-changing-for-at-risk-children>

### [HHS Launches National Center of Excellence for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation](#)

The model builds the capacity of teachers and families to promote social-emotional and behavioral development and has demonstrated impacts for improving children’s social skills and adult-child relationships; reducing challenging behaviors, expulsions and suspensions; increasing family-school collaboration; increasing classroom quality; and reducing teacher stress, burnout, and turnover.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2015/10/infant-early-childhood-mental-health-consultation>



# Upcoming Events and News

## Resource Links

[Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)

[National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth \(NAEHYC\)](#)

[Administration for Children and Families](#)

[National Center for Homeless Education](#)

[First Focus: Campaign for Children](#)

[Horizon's for Homeless Children](#)

## Late Breaking...

**December 10, 2015**  
[Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015](#)

**December 9, 2015**  
[Child and Youth Homelessness: A Problem of Epic Proportions](#)

**November**  
[The 2015 Annual Homeless Assessment Report \(AHAR\) to Congress](#)

## Wisconsin's Brown Bag Webinars

- **January 26, 2016, 12:00 noon**  
National Models for Serving Homeless Families with Young Children  
**Watch for Registration Information Coming Soon!**
- **4.27.15, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
Topic TBD

ACF webinars

**February 22 -24, 2016**

Wisconsin Head Start Association Conference

[Registration http://whsaonline.org/event/14th-annual-training-conference/](http://whsaonline.org/event/14th-annual-training-conference/)

### National Hotline

SAMHSA's National Helpline (also known as the Treatment Referral Routing Service) is a confidential, free, 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year, information service, in English and Spanish, for individuals and family members facing mental health and/or substance use disorders. This service provides referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups, and community-based organizations. Callers can also order free publications and other information.

For questions or more information on serving homeless children and youth we encourage you to post to the server through which you received this message or contact:

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