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

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Early Childhood Focus

In October of 2016 The U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services; Housing and Urban Development and Education collaborated in issuing a momentous policy statement, "Meeting the Needs of Families with Young Children Experiencing and At Risk of Homelessness." The statement highlights recent research and resources, and provides major recommendations aimed at local and state early childhood, housing, and homeless providers to consider when addressing the unique needs of pregnant women and families with young children who are experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of experiencing homelessness. Beginning with this issue, these recommendations will be featured in our Tip of the Month section.

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ecd/echomelessnesspolicystatement.pdf

Tip of the Month

The strategies featured in this section highlight some of the recommendations made in the <u>federal policy statement</u> on serving families with young children who are homeless. Different strategies will be highlighted in each new issue.

Recommendation #1 - Support a Two-Generation Approach by Developing and Strengthening Partnerships across Early Childhood and Housing Programs and Systems

A two-generation approach aims to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty by addressing the needs of both children and parents. This requires aligning and coordinating the design and delivery of services for the whole family, so both generations can experience improved physical and mental health, safety, educational, and economic outcomes

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Resource of the Month

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) page is one of the best resources available for learning about Wisconsin news around the McKinney Vento Legislation. Our sister page at Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners houses an abundance of resources as well. Here you will find back issues of this publication as well as recordings of past webinars. Finally, Continuum's of Care (CoCs) which are designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness are a great source of local resource.

http://dpi.wi.gov/homeless

http://www.collaboratingpartners.com/diversity-homelessness.php https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/?searchText=&stateId=&programId=3&viewCoC=1&orgNameFirstCharacter=W&formSubmit=1#alphaFacet



Resource Links

Wisconsin Homeless
Liaison Directory

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

<u>Horizon's for Homeless</u> Children

Early Head Start
National Resource
Center (EHS NRC)
webinars

Institute for Child poverty and Homelessness

National Alliance to End Homelessness

Center for the Study of Social Policy

Upcoming Events and News

1/18/2017, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wisconsin's Brown Bag Webinars Toxic Stress and The Homeless Family Login:

https://wwwna2.globalmeet.com/w/pub/entry?hcid=2397300&loc=EN

2/23-24/2017

2017 National Conference on Ending

Family and Youth Homelessness

Marriott Marquis Houston, TX

6/21-24/2017

2017 National Health Care for the Homeless

Conference & Policy Symposium Grand Hyatt Washington, DC 20001

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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