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A bi-monthly digest of helpful tips and resources for serving children and youth experiencing homelessness
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Tip of the Month



Experiences of homelessness and housing instability in early childhood are associated with delays in children's language, literacy, and social-emotional development, potentially setting a course for cascading negative consequences. The science of early brain development indicates that children's earliest experiences and environments influence later success in school and life.

It is for these reasons that early developmental screening of children who are identified as homeless is critical.

Easterseals offers a [free, comprehensive and confidential online screening tool](#) to help guide and keep track of your child's growth and development .

(<http://www.easterseals.com/mtffc/asq/>)

Resource of the Month



Missed Opportunities: Youth Homelessness in America

[National Estimates](#)

The first in a series of Research-to-Impact briefs by Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago on understanding and addressing youth homelessness.

<http://voicesofyouthcount.org/brief/national-estimates-of-youth-homelessness/>

Early Childhood Focus

Head Start's Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center ([ECKLC](#)) is one of the most comprehensive and engaging resources on all things early care and education related.

Because of Head Start's focus on serving economically disadvantaged families it is also one of best resources on best practices in family centered approaches to service, and service to families experiencing financial and housing instability.





Resource Links

[Wisconsin Homeless Liaison Directory](#)

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

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

[Administration for Children and Families](#)

[National Center for Homeless Education](#)

[First Focus: Campaign for Children](#)

[Horizon's for Homeless Children](#)

[Head Start Early Childhood Knowledge and Learning Center](#)

[Institute for Child Poverty and Homelessness](#)

[National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

[Center for the Study of Social Policy](#)

[School House Connection](#)

[The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

Homeless Families with Young Children FY2016-FY2018 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plans

In 2014, the Child Care and Development Block Grant was reauthorized (P.L. 113-186) by strong bipartisan majorities in the House and Senate. The new law requires states to develop their own strategies to better serve homeless children and calls for:

- Outreach to homeless families with children,
- Training and technical assistance on identifying and serving homeless children and their families,
- The coordination of services so that families with children can get the help that they need,
- A grace period or flexibility to obtain immunizations and other documents needed so that homeless children can be served more quickly, and
- Data reporting so that the number of homeless children who receive child care services is known.

The CCDF Plans offer a snapshot into current and planned efforts, initiatives and implementation plans for each State/Territory over the next two years through September 30, 2018. A chart of submitted activities related to homelessness can be found [here](#).

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/eecd/homeless_table_ccdf_fy2016_fy2018_state_plan.pdf

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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