

Homeless Education Resources

ISBE Homeless Information Hotline: 800-215-6379

DuPage County Homeless Student Advocate: Lynn Strevell

Contact: 630-514-1389 or lstrevell@dupage.k12.il.us

Opening Doors

Website: <http://homelessed.net/>

Opening Doors provides education and technical assistance for schools and the community for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth Program. Free education materials, brochures, posters, DVDs, and up-to-date training materials are available targeting all services available in Illinois.

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

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Voice 312.435.4548

Fax 312.435.0198

info@chicagohomeless.org

<http://www.chicagohomeless.org/>

• The Law Project - (800) 940-1119

National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)

<http://www.serve.org/nche/>

For assistance with homeless education issues, contact the NCHE helpline at 1-800-308-2145 (toll-free) or homeless@serve.org.

NCHE, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, is a national resource center, providing valuable information, training and materials to educators and community members seeking to address the educational needs of homeless children and their families. These materials are made available to the public at no charge and include such items as educational rights posters, parent packs, training resources, and law into practice briefs.

U.S. Department of Education, Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program

Web Address: www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html

The Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program oversees the education of homeless children and youth in our nation's public schools, including the granting of McKinney-Vento funds and the monitoring of their usage. Program Coordinator Gary Rutkin, working with other Department officials and national partners, provides official guidance to states and school districts on implementing the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY)

Web Address: www.naehcy.org NAEHCY, a national grassroots membership association, serves as the voice and the social conscience for the education of children and youth in homeless situations. NAEHCY brings together educators, parents, advocates, researchers and service providers to ensure school enrollment and attendance, and overall success for children and youth experiencing homelessness. NAEHCY accomplishes this through advocacy, partnerships and education. NAEHCY also hosts an annual national conference on homeless education, which brings together educators and service providers to learn about new developments within the field.

The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (NLCHP)

Web Address: www.nlchp.org The mission of NLCHP is to prevent and end homelessness by serving as the legal arm of the nationwide movement to end homelessness. To achieve its mission, the Law Center pursues three main strategies: impact litigation, policy advocacy, and public education. The Law Center strives to place homelessness in the larger context of poverty. By taking this approach, the Law Center aims to address homelessness as a very visible manifestation of deeper causes: the shortage of affordable housing, insufficient income, and inadequate social services. NLCHP provides guidance and produces high-quality publications on legal issues pertaining to homelessness and poverty.

The National Network for Youth (NNY) Web Address: www.nn4youth.org The National Network for Youth is the leading advocacy organization for runaway and homeless youth. NNY seeks to promote opportunities for growth and development for youth who face greater odds due to abuse, neglect, family conflicts and disconnection from family, lack of resources, discrimination, differing abilities, or other life challenges. NNY achieves this through advocacy on national policy related to at-risk youth and the provision of training, technical assistance, consultation services, and publications on the issue of supporting and protecting at-risk youth.