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Homeless CoP Subcommittee Meeting

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ACADEMICS

ALL TENNESSEE STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION, NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE

STUDENT READINESS

TENNESSEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE EQUIPPED TO SERVE THE ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS IN THEIR CAREER PATHWAYS

EDUCATORS

TENNESSEE WILL SET A NEW PATH FOR THE EDUCATION PROFESSION AND BE THE TOP STATE TO BECOME AND REMAIN A TEACHER AND LEADER FOR ALL

Agenda

- Welcome and Announcements
- ARP Homeless State Level Activities
- System Navigator
- Homeless Data Tool
- McKinney-Vento Subgrant
- Questions and Closing

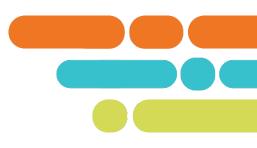# Welcome and Announcements

Welcome!

- Thank you for being here!

- Throughout the call, please feel free to unmute your line or type your comments and questions in the chat box.

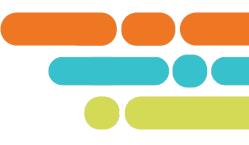- New McKinney-Vento Subgrant Cycle opening April 2022

ARP Homeless

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- ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth Fund (ARP Homeless) allows states to reserve up to 25 percent of its allocation for state-level activities.
- State-level activities will be used for several projects:
  - **McKinney –Vento contractors** to assist with grant administration and technical assistance
  - **Professional development and technical assistance**, including a state-wide conference
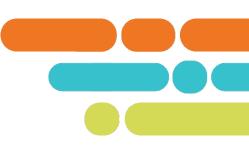 - **Systems Navigator Grant**
  - **McKinney-Vento Data Tool**

What is a Systems Navigator?

- Someone who helps families and youth access educational and other services and supports such as:
  - Educationally-related support
    - Tutoring, summer programs, enrichment, etc.
  - Educationally-related wraparound services
    - School clothing, school supplies, medical referrals, etc.
  - Transportation
  - Shelter
  - Housing and rental assistance
  - Utilities
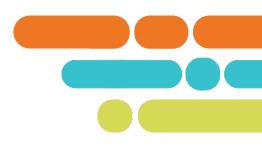 - Child care
  - Head start
  - Tax credits

Systems Navigator Grant: Points to Consider

- Funds would be available until June 2024 and LEAs would be able to submit a multi-year budget.

- Funds could be used in conjunction with Title I, Part A; McKinney-Vento; and ARP Homeless 1.0 and 2.0.

- Under McKinney-Vento, homeless students must receive services that are comparable to non-homeless students.

- Sustainability – how could you build out a system that can be sustainable after the grant ends?

Systems Navigator Grant: Discussion

- Do any LEAs already have someone who fulfills this role in the district?
- Would the grant help address a need in your LEA?
- Is this something your LEA would be interested in applying for?
- If so, how much funding would your LEA need per year?
- What support would you need from the state?
- What concerns do you have?
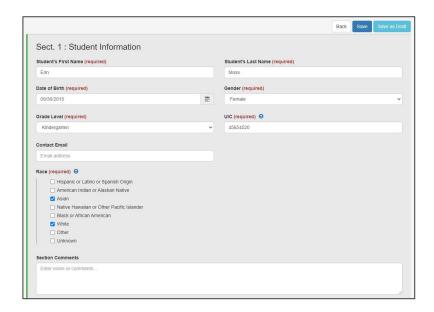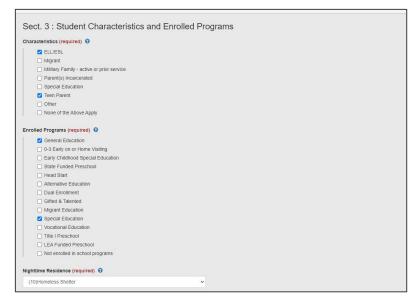- What questions do you have?

Homeless Data Tool Pilot

- Tennessee has been offered the opportunity to participate in a free homeless data tool pilot with McKinney-Vento.org.

- The tool would provide a secure student information database for LEAs to document pertinent information on youth experiencing homelessness and unaccompanied homeless youth.
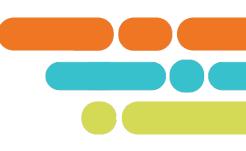
Homeless Data Tool Pilot

- The tool would house important data about homeless students, including:
  - Basic demographics
  - Sibling information
  - Eligibility and school selection
  - Student characteristics and enrolled programs
  - Title I information
  - Services and referrals provided
  - Fees
  - Transportation
  - Barriers
  - Funds spent
  - Compliance data

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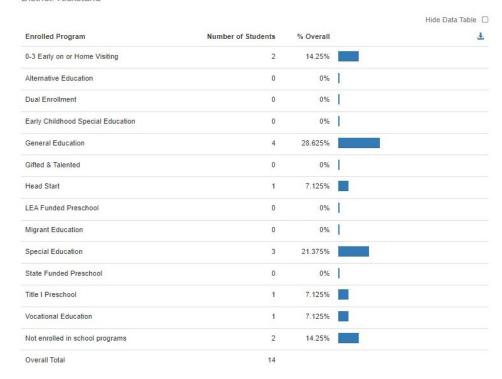
- The tool then allows the LEA to generate various reports relevant to the homeless program.

Homeless Data Tool Pilot – Services Report

Enrolled Programs (2021-2022)
District: Kickstand

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Enrolled Program	Number of Students	% Overall	
0-3 Early on or Home Visiting	2	14.25%	
Alternative Education	0	0%	
Dual Enrollment	0	0%	
Early Childhood Special Education	0	0%	
General Education	4	28.625%	
Gifted & Talented	0	0%	
Head Start	1	7.125%	
LEA Funded Preschool	0	0%	
Migrant Education	0	0%	
Special Education	3	21.375%	
State Funded Preschool	0	0%	
Title I Preschool	1	7.125%	
Vocational Education	1	7.125%	
Not enrolled in school programs	2	14.25%	
Overall Total	14		

School Services (2021-2022)
District: Kickstand

- Backpack (3)
- Before/After School Program (2)
- Clothing/School Uniform (3)
- Counseling (2)
- Enrollment Assistance (3)
- FAFSA Support/Provided Letter (1)
- Free School Meals (5)
- Hygiene Supplies (2)
- Obtained Records (0)
- School Supplies (4)
- Tutoring/Education Support (2)
- Other (0)
- Not enrolled student – no school services provided (3)

Homeless Data Tool Pilot: Points to Consider
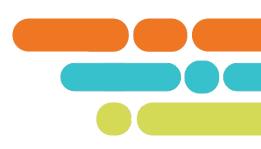
- Participation would be voluntary.
- Someone from the LEA would need to input all of the data into the tool.
- Training and <u>ongoing technical support</u> would be available to LEAs.
- Tool would allow schools and LEAs the ability to exchange student information and data quickly and efficiently.
- Information/reports can assist with compliance, monitoring, audits, etc., and help to identify gaps in a district's homeless education program for continuous improvement efforts.

Homeless Data Tool Pilot: Discussion

- Do any LEAs already have a comprehensive homeless data system?
- Would the tool help address a need in your LEA?
- What do you see as the benefits of a homeless data tool?
- Would your LEA be interested in participating?
- What are your hesitations (if any)?
- What questions do you have?

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- New McKinney-Vento Subgrant Cycle FY23, 24, & 25

- Feedback

- Stories of success and why LEAs should apply

Questions?

Please Share your Feedback:

https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/survey_2

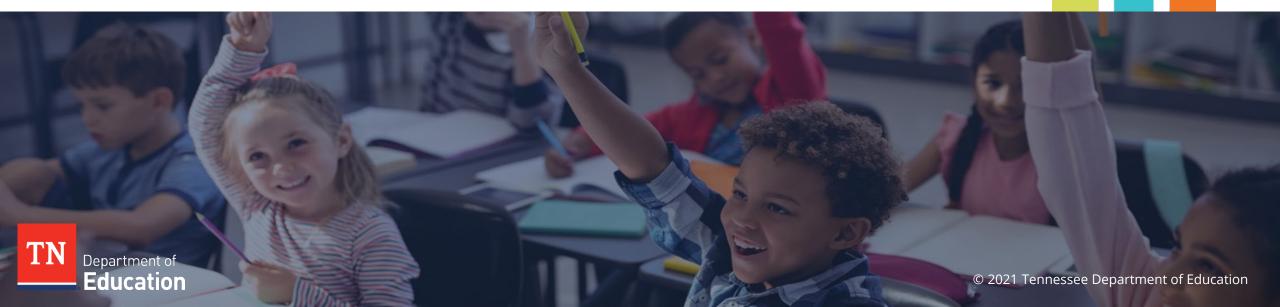SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

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Thank you!

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