High School Is Not the Finish Line!

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ESSA References to College

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McKinney-Vento Overlap With Higher Education
Virginia's On-Time Graduation Rate

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New in ESSA
Local Liaisons must ensure:

• MV students receive assistance from counselors to advise them and improve their readiness for college.

• Unaccompanied youth are informed of their status as independent students and how to receive verification of status.
Current and Coming Initiatives

• Interagency Partnership to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness
  • Strategic Plan, Goal 3 – Education

• Higher Education Network
  • Single Points of Contact (SPOCs)

• GEAR UP Pilot
  • Word of mouth helps with identification
  • Peer mentors
  • Messaging/texting reminders and affirmations
FAFSA Verification of UHY Status

• McKinney-Vento with parent/guardian – use regular process

• Unaccompanied homeless youth (UHY)
  • Homeless and NOT in the physical custody of a parent or guardian
  • Runaway, throwaway, couch-surfing

• Verification by
  • local homeless education liaisons
  • HUD and RHYA-funded shelter representatives
  • financial aid administrators

• Template: Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Documentation of Independent Student Status for the FAFSA
FAFSA Verification of UHY Status

• Making Student Status Determinations for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth: Eligibility Tool for Financial Aid Administrators (16-17 and 17-18)

• US Department of Education Dear Colleague Letter: July 29, 2015
Scenarios
Helpful Homeless Education Web Sites

• National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
  • http://naehcy.org/educational-resources/higher-ed

• National Center for Homeless Education
  • http://nche.ed.gov/ibt/higher_ed.php

• Project HOPE-Virginia
  • http://education.wm.edu/centers/hope/resources/highered/index.php

• SchoolHouse Connection
  • http://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/higher-education/