

## FY26 EHCY District-Level Assurances

### General Plan Assurances

- Per Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards /Subtitle VI-General Provisions for Selected Items of Cost/§ 200.428 Collections of Improper Payments - The costs incurred by a non-Federal entity to recover improper payments are allowable as either direct or indirect costs, as appropriate. Amounts collected may be used by the non-Federal entity in accordance with cash management standards set forth in § 200.305 Payment.

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### McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Assurances

- All LEAs, including the EHCY applicants, are required by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to implement the following items:
  - Ensure access to instructional and non-instructional services for children and youth experiencing homelessness to meet the same challenging state academic standards to which all students are held.
  - Immediately enroll children and youth experiencing homelessness.
  - Review and revise policies that present barriers to the school enrollment of children and youth experiencing homelessness, including those related to transportation, immunization, proof of residency, birth certificates, guardianship, school records, and other documentation.
  - Ensure school stability for children and youth experiencing homelessness through implementation of the best interest determination process.
  - Provide transportation to the school deemed in the best interest of the children and youth experiencing homelessness, to the extent feasible.
  - Ensure that all children and youth experiencing homelessness receive free meals, textbooks, and Title I services.
  - Pay special attention to the identification, enrollment, and attendance of children and youth experiencing homelessness who are not currently attending school and those who are unaccompanied.
  - Coordinate with local community-based organizations to provide services to children, youth, and their families experiencing homelessness to minimize educational disruption.
  - Ensure that all children and youth experiencing homelessness receive placement in appropriate programs, such as Special Education, gifted and talented, and English Learner programs.
  - Ensure that the McKinney-Vento Liaison of Record provides annual professional learning to LEA staff working with children and youth experiencing homelessness.
  - Ensure that the McKinney-Vento Liaison of Record attends a minimum of eight professional learning hours provided by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Homeless Education Program, the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE), etc. each year. LEAs must provide evidence or certification of hours upon request of ADE for professional learning hours obtained throughout the year.

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### Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Grant Program Assurances

The services and activities described in this application provide supplemental support services and professional learning that is aligned with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the LEA's Integrated Action Plan with The Arizona Department of Education (ADE). Local homeless education programs that do not align to the current plans or supplant services and activities will be required to update their applications.

- The LEA applicant assures the following pertaining to EHCY subgrant funding:
  - Determination and utilization of the EHCY funds are both data-driven and aligned with the authorized activities in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to meet the unique and dynamic needs of the children and youth experiencing homelessness.
  - The collection and reporting of reliable, valid, and comprehensive data requested by the ADE Homeless Education Program.

- Instructional, research-based services will be provided to children and youth experiencing homelessness to meet Arizona Academic Standards.
- Non-instructional and support services will be provided to children and youth experiencing homelessness, including but not limited to health referrals, counseling services, transportation and other referrals.
- EHCY will supplement, not supplant any other local, state, or federal funding sources.
  - EHCY funds shall not replace the regular academic program and shall be designed to expand upon and improve services provided as part of the regular academic program (42 U.S.C. § 11433(a)(3)).
  - EHCY funds will be coordinated with other local, state, and federal programs, such as, but not limited to, Title I, Title III, and Special Education, to ensure that the activities are supplementary, and do not supplant existing activities and required services provided to all students.
  - Students experiencing homelessness must be provided services comparable to those offered to other students in the school (42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(4)).
- The implementation of an attestation of need process to determine support for supplemental services and activities.

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