Purpose of this Listserv Message
This message serves as an announcement for the first upcoming community of practice session as part of the Ohio McKinney-Vento Network quarterly community of practice series.

Target Audience
McKinney-Vento liaisons, ARP-HCY I sub-grantees, ARP-HCY II sub-grantees, McKinney-Vento sub-grantees, ESC Liaisons, and public-school staff who are striving to increase knowledge and response for students at-risk of or experiencing homelessness in an Ohio school district/region, are the target audience of this message.

Background Information
The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) received federal formula allocated funds through the American Rescue Plan to provide professional development opportunities to subgrantees in meeting the needs of the following vulnerable student populations experiencing homelessness:
- rural children and youth,
- students of color,
- children and youth with disabilities,
- English learners,
- LGBTQ+ youth,
- students in foster care
- justice-involved youth and
- pregnant, parenting, or caregiving students

ODE has formally partnered with the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) creating a new program called the COHHIO Course to Home. The purpose of the COHHIO Course to Home is to provide a community of practice (offering sessions quarterly) and other professional development supports, to increase resources and responses for vulnerable students experiencing homelessness.

ODE has teamed up with the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) to provide on-demand technical assistance to school districts as well. If your district has technical assistance (TA) needs regarding student homelessness resources, you can send an email to homelesseducation@cohhio.org requesting TA at any time.

Community of Practice Session Information
This McKinney-Vento Network community of practice session is a time to join at your leisure (join if/when you can, leave when you want) and receive virtual training, discussion, and sharing of resources with a focus on meeting the needs of vulnerable youth at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
Session Details
Date: 3/30/2022
Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST
Register Here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AO_LE4vERkqlvo8AUD2FYg

Description: Session 1 Introduction to Homelessness: This session provides a 101 overview of homelessness with brief high-level highlights including identification and meeting the basic needs of the following subpopulations: rural students, students of color, children and youth with disabilities, English learners, LGBTQ+ youth, students in foster care, justice-involved youth and pregnant/parenting, and/or caregiving students at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Materials: The session will be recorded. An email notification will follow the session alerting attendees when materials have been posted to the COHHIO Course to HOME webpage.

Request Technical Assistance
District liaisons with technical assistance (TA) needs, related to student homelessness, can send an email to homelesseducation@cohhio.org requesting TA at any time.

Questions
Questions regarding this session can be directed to COHHIO at homelesseducation@cohhio.org.