Purpose of this Listserv Message
This message serves as an introduction to the Ohio McKinney-Vento Community of Practice and launches the Ohio McKinney-Vento Community mailing list.

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 sub-grantees, McKinney-Vento liaisons and school staff in meeting the need 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@cohio.org requesting TA at any time.

Mailing List Test
COHHIO has developed a mailing list for McKinney-Vento liaisons, ARP-HCY I sub-grantees, ARP-HCY II sub-grantees, McKinney-Vento sub-grantees, and public-school staff. This mailing list will be used to share invitations to community of practice and provide targeted resources, vetted by ODE, to increase professional development and response for students experiencing homelessness through resource sharing.
The purpose of this email is to introduce you to the Ohio McKinney-Vento Community and ensure our mailing list is functional. If you received this email please reply and let us know that you got it!

If you would like to have any staff members added to this mailing list, so they can receive information about the community of practice and other professional development resources, please reply to this email with the team members' names and email and we will add them.

Questions
Questions can be directed to, COHHIO, at homelesseducation@cohhio.org.

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