Ohio McKinney-Vento Community of Practice

Introduction to Homelessness
Welcome!

Please say hello in the chat box and share
- Your name & pronouns
- District
- One word that describes your district
Zoom Logistics

- All participants can unmute
- You can share your camera
- Questions can be asked throughout the training
- The powerPoint will be sent out after each training
- Breakout rooms
- Polls/ quizzes
- Handouts/ Materials
- Audio/video issues
Agenda

- Objectives
- Activity
- Introduction of COHHIO Course to Home
- General Overview of Homelessness
- Questions
- Closing
- Resources
Objectives

Attendees will:

• Learn the background and need for the COHHIO Course to Home initiative
• Understand COHHIO Course to Home and the supports available to districts and ESC(s)
• Learn the current state of homelessness and vulnerable student groups
• Learn resources to address student homelessness in the district
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Which picture best captures your state of being today?

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B  

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COHHIO is a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to ending homelessness and to promoting decent, safe, fair, affordable housing for all, with a focus on assisting low-income and special needs populations.
Introducing COHHIO Course to HOME Team

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COHHIO Course to HOME

Background

• History of collaboration between COHHIO & ODE
• Development of COHHIO Course to Home
• Ohio’s ARP State Plan
COHHIO Course to HOME

Purpose

• Empower Ohio districts in meeting the specific and urgent needs of students experiencing homelessness

• Provide professional development and resources in meeting the need of vulnerable historically underserved students 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
  • pregnant, parenting, or caregiving students
COHHIO Course to Home Resources

Training
Provide frequent training on meeting the needs of youth and families at-risk of or experiencing homelessness; including e-learning and support to Ohio’s school districts, liaison(s) and key partners.

System Coordination
Provide capacity development support and assistance furthering districts ability to collaborate as strong partners in the coordinated local responses to preventing and ending homelessness among youth and families.

Community of Practice
Coordinate peer to peer learning opportunities -- implementing innovative practices and evidence-based models to support students at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Practice Guidance
Provide frequent guidance materials to equipped districts with needed tools to support students at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Technical Assistance
Provide homelessness focused -- direct individualized support, assistance, problem-solving, linkages, referrals, resources, and information, upon request, to Ohio’s school districts.
About COHHIO Course to HOME

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) received federal formula allocated funds through the American Rescue Plan Act to meet the needs of vulnerable student populations experiencing homelessness, including:

- rural children and youth
- students of color
- children and youth with disabilities
- English learners
- LGBTQ+ youth
- students in foster care
- justice-involved youth
- pregnant, parenting, or caregiving students
Defining Community of Practice

• *Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly.*

• The fundamental motivation for our community of practice is a group of people coming together driven by a shared learning need, in this case student homelessness with an emphasis on vulnerable groups.

• By engaging each other, over time, in collective learning, we develop a bond that in turn fuels the production of resources to influence our own practices. The combination of a shared field/area of expertise, community, and practice lie at the heart of a community of practice.
Community of Practice Agreements

• Check in and Check out
• Listen for understanding
• Expect and accept non-resolution
• Practice “both/and” thinking
• Be aware of intent and impact
• Make space, take space
• Safe Terms:
  • “ELMO”
  • “Ouch”
Community of Practice Principles

1. We recognize that all communities and districts are unique but have some shared challenges and can learn from each other's experiences.
2. We embed student and family leadership in decision-making, designing and implementing strategies.
3. We ensure strategies and approaches improve equity, including racial & LGBTQ+ equity.
4. We are solution-oriented and creative in our planning and problem solving.
5. We promote peer support and shared learning opportunities.
6. We explore, develop and integrate best practices at the core of our approaches.

COHHIO is here to facilitate the conversation and share knowledge learned from working with communities, not to own the space.

Any other principles that are important to your district to uphold in this space?
COHHIO Course to HOME
On-Demand Technical Assistance

Defining Technical Assistance
• The process of providing guidance, tools, resources, and consultation to assist districts achieve goals

Accessing Technical Assistance
• Email us at homelesseducation@cohhio.org
• Call us at 614-280-1984 ext.143
• Access resources at www.cohhio.org/youth
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Defining Homelessness

The McKinney-Vento law says that homelessness includes individuals who do not have a fixed, regular and adequate home because they have lost their own home.

This means:

- Individuals who have lost their own home, suffering a financial hardship or similar reason
- Individuals who are sharing the housing of others
- Individuals who are living in hotels or motels or in campgrounds or trailer parks that are not viewed as year round homes because they do not have accommodations, such as heat or running water
- Individuals who are living in emergency shelters or who have been abandoned in hospitals
- Individuals who are living in cars, parks or public spaces
Poll

Students and families experience housing insecurity, including homelessness, in my community, on a regular basis.

Strongly agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree
History
Current Homelessness Data

ODIO

9.1 in every 10,000 people were experiencing homelessness

3.0% change from 2019
-5.4% change from 2007

Total Homeless, 2020
10,655

HUD

Estimates of Homelessness

7,636 individuals
3,019 people in families with children
736 unaccompanied homeless youth
730 veterans
700 chronically homeless individuals

EMIS

2019-2020 students experiencing homelessness

Source

EMIS

Source
In Every State, African Americans Are More Likely Than Whites to Experience Homelessness

Ratio of Black-to-White homelessness rate by state, 2018

LGBTQ+ Youth 120% More Likely to Experience Homelessness

Chapin Hall
Causes of Homelessness

- Housing Affordability
  - Limited public housing and voucher programs
- Income Stagnation
- Health
  - Physical or behavioral health issues
- Violence
- Institutions
- Racism
Addressing Homelessness

- Equitable & Informed Approaches
- Cross System Collaboration
- Multi Generation Approaches
- Sustainability Planning & Consistency
- Continuous Quality Improvement
Key Resource Partners

• 24 hr. Crisis Response Organizations
• Continuums of Care
• Job & Family Services
  • Child and Family Services
• Community Action Agencies
• ADAMH Boards
• Health Providers
• Child Care Providers

And More!
Best Practices

• Accessible District Culture
• Coordinated Community Approaches
• Serve as a Safe Community Hub
• Utilize Harm Reduction Approaches
• Utilize Trauma Informed Care
• Utilize Strength Based Approaches
Poll

I learned information about the state of homelessness in Ohio

Strongly agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree
Next Steps

Keep an eye out for Listserv emails!
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Coming Soon

Homelessness District Toolkit

Homelessness E-Learning

Resource Website

Source
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Feedback

We invite you to provide feedback about today's session. You can provide feedback here: https://forms.gle/hABoaQPREvgoD7Bt8
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Ohio Department of Education Students Experiencing Homelessness
Ohio Department of Education American Rescue Plan Homeless II Funds
Ohio Department of Education Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness with ESSER and ARP Funds
Ohio Department of Education Local School District Liaison Duties, Roles and Responsibilities
COHHIO Emergency Rental Assistance
COHHIO Course to HOME
COHHIO Youth Housing Initiative
COHHIO On-Demand Recorded Trainings
COHHIO Housing Now for Homeless Families
COHHIO Homeless System Resource Map
Housing Ohio Conference - April 11-13
Resources

Ohio Resource Guide
COHHIO Guide to the Resource Guide
School House Connection
National Center for Homeless Education
Ohio Bridges Program
Child and Family Health Collaborative of Ohio
Ohio Reach
Ohio Domestic Violence Network
The Center for Family Safety and Healing
HUD Exchange Connecting Housing and Education
Health and Human Services Runaway and Homeless Youth
Resources

United States Interagency Council on Homelessness
National Alliance to End Homelessness
Youth Collaboratory
National Network for Youth
Point Source Youth
True Colors United
Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Chapin Hall
American Bar Association
The Center for the Study of Social Policy
Loveisrespect.org
Youth.gov