

Appendix B: Local Education Agency Letter of Agreement

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Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH)

Program

Roles and Responsibilities

Name(s) of Participating School District or Schools:

and

Name of ECYEH Region: **Region 5**

are committed to complying with the requirements and goals of Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program to educate entities/staff who work with children, youth and families, on the rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness and will work collaboratively to eliminate the barriers that may impede enrollment, attendance, or receipt of services that support academic success.

The collaborators will strive to accomplish Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program objectives that are specific to their own area(s) of involvement. The above-named public/private entity pledges to collaborate with the above-named region to provide the following specific items/services:

1. Identification of a full-time school employee to serve as homeless liaison.
2. Ensure that McKinney-Vento students enroll in and have full and equal opportunity to succeed in school.
3. Ensure that children/youth in homeless situations are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination with other entities and agencies.
4. Ensure that public notice of McKinney-Vento rights is disseminated in locations frequented by parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth, in a manner and form understandable to them.
5. Ensure that school personnel providing McKinney-Vento services receive professional development and other support.
6. Ensure that children/youth/families have access to and receive educational services for which they are eligible, including Head Start, early intervention (IDEA Part C) and other preschool programs.
7. Ensure that children/youth/families receive referrals to health care, dental, mental health, substance abuse, housing and other services.
8. Ensure that disputes are resolved and assistance to access transportation is provided.
9. Ensure that unaccompanied youth are enrolled in school and experience no barriers that prevent them from receiving credit for full or partial coursework satisfactorily completed at a prior school.
10. Participate in appropriate professional development and technical assistance.

Signed (Superintendent/Executive Director or designee)

Typed Name Title

School District/School/Intermediate Unit Date

Signed (Homeless Liaison)

Typed Name Title

School District/School/Intermediate Unit Date

Signed (Regional Coordinator)

Wendy Kinnear, Regional Coordinator - PA ECYEH, Region 5
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Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV
School District/School/Intermediate Unit Date