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CoC Training: Serving Undocumented Clients Experiencing Homelessness

6.10.24





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Housekeeping

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Respect the
trainer(s)

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Respect
attendees

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Make and
take space

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Share the mic

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Acknowledge
power and
privilege

Training Norms & Agreements

About

- **Continuum of Care Trainings**: Monthly trainings for homeless service providers covering information or skills considered essential by HUD or our system of care
- Hosted by H3 the **2nd Monday** of every month from **10am-Noon**
- **Required** for direct service staff (case managers, care coordinators, etc.) and program managers.

Required Trainings

- Some trainings such as **Housing First** are required by our funder, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD**) to ensure all programs and staff in our CoC operate under the same principles and practices
- Other trainings are relevant trainings H3 and/or providers has identified as important such as **Housing Focused Case Management**

Required Elements for This Training

HUD

- None

CoC Written Standards

- CES P&Ps
- CoC/ESG Written Standards (Cultural Competence)

Monitoring

- Attendance is monitored by H3 staff and discussed during monthly/quarterly provider check-ins with CE Manager and/or CoC Administrator
- **Providers/programs lacking attendance at trainings can be subject to Corrective Action Plans**

Equity questions to consider

- Have you noticed inequities in your own work on this topic?
- Have you contributed to or interrupted inequities?
- What barriers still exist? How might they be addressed?



Undocumented Immigrants

48,600

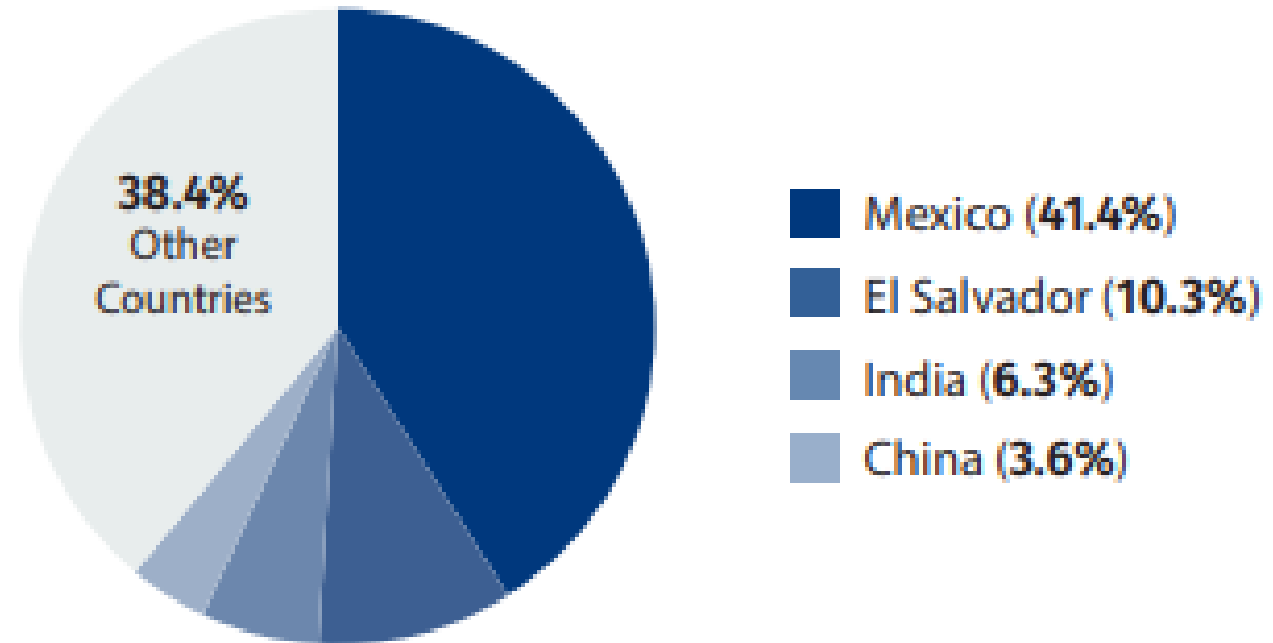
undocumented immigrants
lived in Contra Costa in 2019.²⁴

They made up



of the foreign-born population
in the county in 2019.

Top countries of origin for the undocumented in the county:



Trainers

- Jessica Jenkins, Managing Attorney, Immigration Law Practice, *Bay Area Legal Aid*
- Dorina Moraida-Salgado, Program Director and Co-Founder, *Hijas Del Campo*
- Gina Bills, Education Liaison and Rosie Reid, Program Specialist for MDUSD, *Contra Costa Office of Education*
- Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, Coordinated Entry Manager and Shelby Ferguson, CoC Administrator, *Contra Costa Health: Health Housing and Homeless Services*

Bay Area Legal Aid



Bay Area Legal Aid is the largest provider of **free civil legal services** to low-income people living in the Bay Area.

We serve:

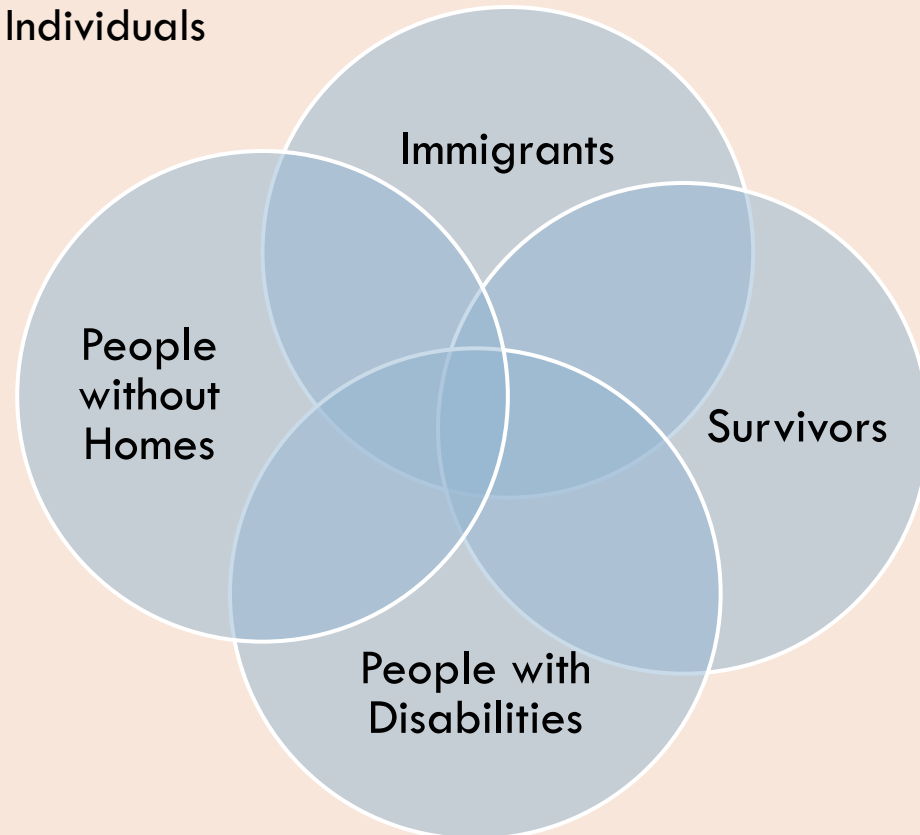
- ❑ Alameda County
- ❑ Contra Costa County
- ❑ Marin County
- ❑ Napa County
- ❑ San Francisco County
- ❑ San Mateo County
- ❑ Santa Clara County



Bay Area Legal Aid



Low Income Families and
Individuals



Primary Practice Areas:

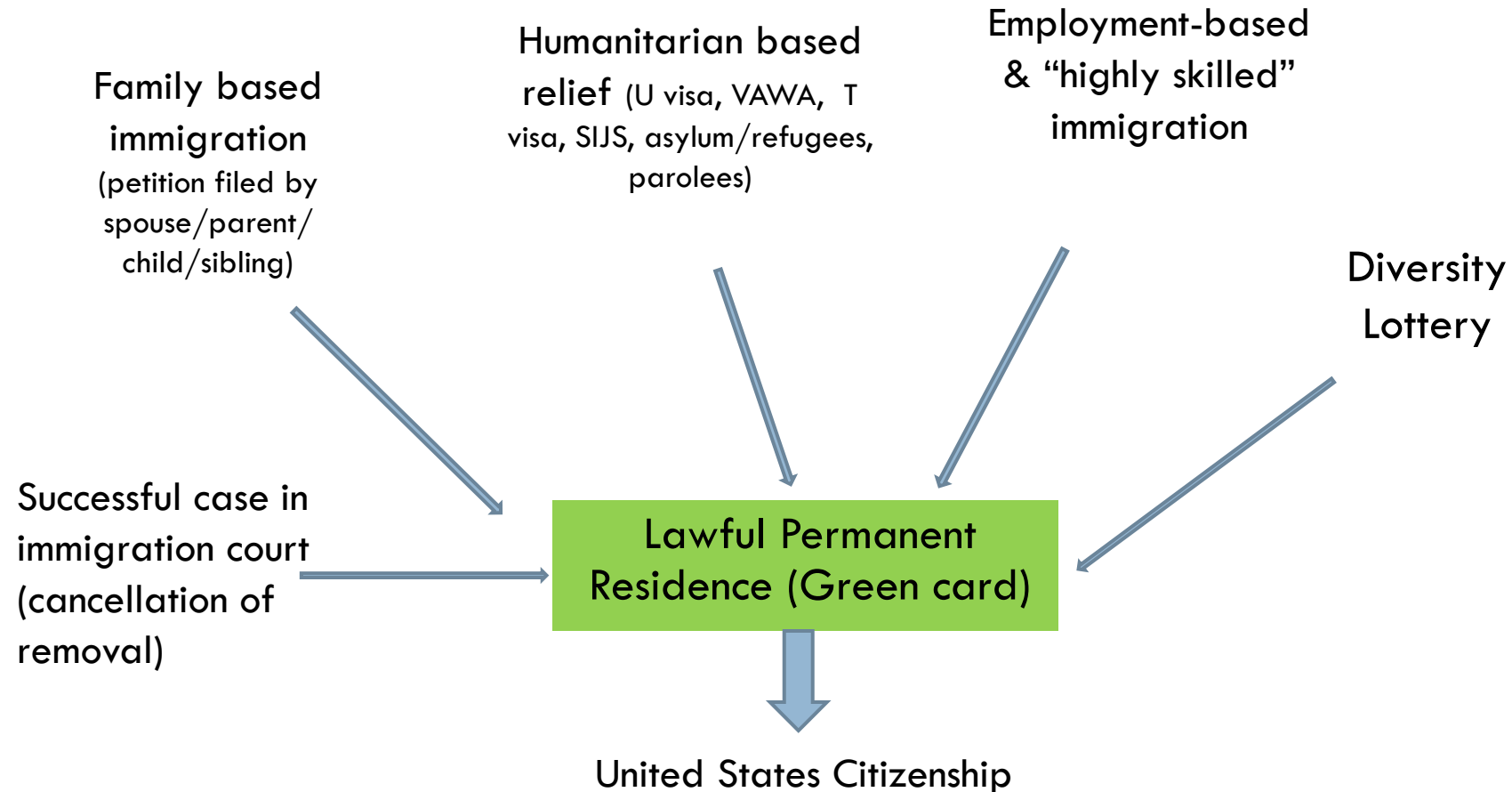
- Economic Justice
- Healthcare Access
- Housing
- Family Law and Immigration for Survivors
- Consumer Rights
- Youth Justice

Topics for Today:

- Paths to legal status & becoming a U.S. Citizen
- Immigration relief for survivors of crime/DV/trafficking
- Concerns about public assistance & public charge
- Resources for immigrants

Paths to legal status

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IMMIGRATION RELIEF FOR SURVIVORS

- **VAWA** for abused spouse of US citizen / green card holder
- **U visa** for victims of serious crime
- **T visa** for survivors of human trafficking (exploitation for labor, services, commercial sex)
- **Asylum** for people fleeing persecution in their home country
- **Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)** for abused / abandoned / neglected immigrant youth
- *Everyone's situation is different; regular screening by an immigration attorney recommended*



What Is the Public Charge Rule?

- A person who is, or is likely to become, primarily dependent on cash assistance or long-term institutionalization at government expense

ABCs of public charge:

- Does not APPLY to all immigrants
- Only certain BENEFITS impact it
- Other CIRCUMSTANCES are considered

Who does it APPLY to?

Applies to	DOES NOT APPLY to
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People applying for a visa to enter the US• People applying for a green card based on family visa or work visa• Some people changing or extending their visa (ex: student visa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ppl seeking Citizenship• Most Humanitarian immigrants<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refugees• Asylum seekers• VAWA• U visa• T visa• Special immigrant juveniles (SIJS)• Certain other immigrants paroled into the US (ex. Afghans, Ukrainians)• Undocumented people with no path to status (no immediate consequence)

Which BENEFITS are considered for public charge?

MAY trigger public charge	DO NOT trigger public charge
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supplemental Security Income (SSI) but NOT other Social Security programs• TANF (a.k.a. CalWORKs)• State or local cash aid programs<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CAPI (for aged/disabled immigrants)• General Assistance• <u>Institutionalization for long-term care</u> using public funds• EXTREMELY FEW immigrants subject to public charge are eligible for these programs anyway, except institutionalization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medi-Cal outside long-term care• Other health programs• Nutrition Programs, like<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SNAP (a.k.a. CalFresh)• CFAP (state-only food stamps)• WIC• Housing Programs• Benefits received by USC children<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unless family's sole income• "Earned" benefits (ex UIB)• Disaster aid• Private aid• ANYTHING ELSE

CA Programs Available Regardless of Status

- **MEDI-CAL (as of Jan 2024)**
- Long-term care*
- Early Breast Cancer Detection & Breast & Cervical Cancer Treatment
- California Children's Services (CCS)
- Family PACT
- Minor Consent services
- Any benefits on behalf of US citizen children
- Healthy Kids programs in some counties
- County-funded programs
- Community clinics
- Mental health services
- Regional Center Services
- **Women Infants and Children (WIC)**
- **School lunch and breakfast**
- COVID treatment and vaccines

Where Can Immigrants Get Help?

- Bay Area Legal Aid
- Catholic Charities of the East Bay
- Immigration Institute of the Bay Area
- Jewish Family and Children's Services
- Stand Together Contra Costa
- More referrals: <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/legaldirectory/>



STAND TOGETHER CONTRA COSTA

**Immigration Legal Services and Rapid Response Network
Promoting Safety and Justice in Contra Costa County**

**Call 925-900-5151
for help if**

- You see Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity in progress at your home, school, workplace, or in the community
- You or someone you know has been detained or arrested by ICE
- You or someone you know is facing deportation proceedings



REFERRING TO BAY AREA LEGAL AID

- ❑ **Dedicated Line for Survivors of Inter-Personal Violence:** 1(888) 330-1940
- ❑ **Legal Advice Line (LAL):** 1(800) 551-5554
- ❑ **Health Consumer Center:**
1(855) 693-7285
Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
No income and asset restrictions.

Contact Information:



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POLL QUESTIONS



**HIJAS
DEL CAMPO**

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An official 501(c)3 non-profit based & focused in the Contra Costa County, with added focus in San Joaquin County.



Mission

Help migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families improve their daily lives.

Vision

A community where all campesinxs are thriving.

Client Demographics

- Campesinxs/farmworkers and their families.
- 72% of the families we serve have children.
- Almost 100% of our client body is Spanish-speaking and most are monolingual.
- Almost all our clients are first or second generation immigrants from Mexico, with a small but growing group of people from Guatemala.
- Many of our clients are undocumented.



Issues Facing the Campesinx/Immigrant Community

- Income insecurity
 - Food insecurity
- Language barriers to services/resources
- Education barriers for CampesinX & families
- Legal insecurities stemming from documented status'
 - Nothing comprehensive since Reagan's 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act



Issues Facing the Campesinx/Immigrant Community

- Salary insecurities: high low season
 - Housing insecurities:
 - Most of our clients are housing insecure
 - Eviction prevention. HDC supports will bill and rental assistance
 - Free Weekly Mobile Clinic with Contra Costa Health Care for the Homeless
 - Weekly enrollment specialist onsite to assist with applying for Medical
 - Legal insecurities stemming from documented status'
 - Nothing comprehensive since Reagan's 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act
 - CRLAF supports the most vulnerable communities with legal aid
- <https://www.crlaf.org>





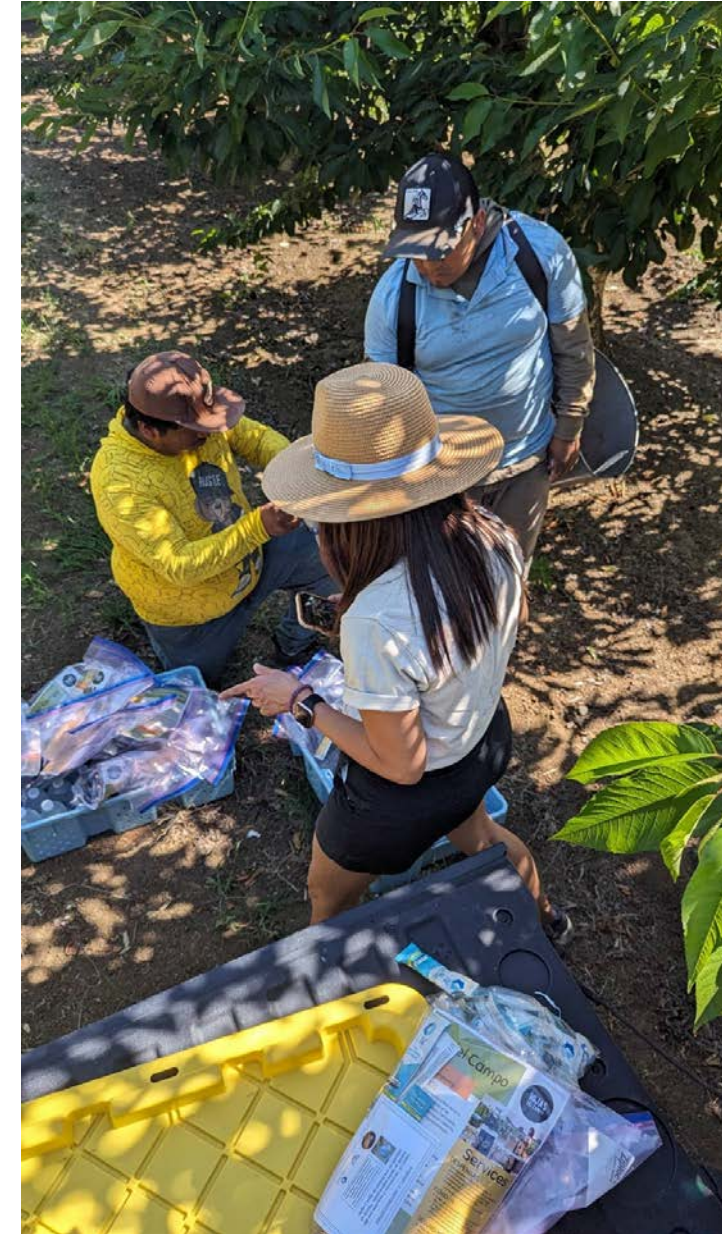
Lead with Compassion

Many immigrants have a trauma background making it difficult to have the confidence to seek assistance.

Many are here alone and do not speak the language

It is important that we recognize that our communities have been oppressed, excluded, discriminated and underserved resulting in fear and mistrust.

For many we are their first contact of hope and can be a life changing experience.



Recommended Resources

- Voices from the Field- Children of Migrant Farmworkers Tell Their Stories - S. Beth Atkin (collection of interviews)
- Food Chains - The Revolution in America's Fields (documentary)
- Dolores (video on Vimeo)
- PBS Frontline: Rape in the Fields (documentary)
- Strike!: The Farm Workers' Fight for Their Rights- Larry Dane Brimner (nonfiction)
- Lives in Limbo: Undocumented and Coming of Age in America- Roberto G. Gonzales (research)
- McFarland USA (movie)
- Tortilla Curtain- T.C. Boyle (novel)
- César E. Chávez National Monument- Keene, California
- Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the United States- Seth M. Holmes (ethnography)

Poll Questions



Supporting Undocumented Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness

June 10, 2024



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
Office of Education

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Lynn Mackey, Superintendent of Schools

Nice to Meet You!



Gina Bills
Education Liaison
CCCOE



Rosie Reid
Program Specialist
MDUSD



What are the Causes of School Disruptions?

- Limited access to education
- Poverty
- Violence
- Gang involvement/recruitment
- Parenting/pregnancy



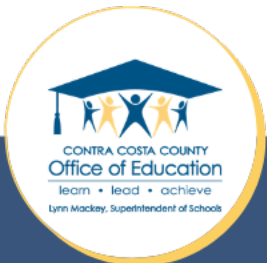
Barriers to Education

School Barriers:

- Concerns regarding test scores, graduation rates, absences etc.
- Grade placement
- Education Rights Holder

Student Barriers:

- Language and literacy
- Lack of support
- Lack of knowledge about laws, rights, and services available

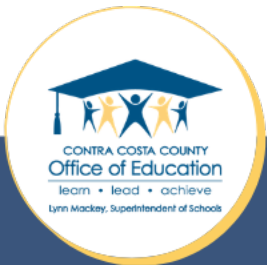


Education Rights Holder (ERH)

Education Rights Holders (ERH) support children and youth when a parent or caregiver is unable to participate in a youth's education.

ERH can be a biological parent, legal guardian or a responsible adult who is appointed by the court.

If an unaccompanied youth meets McKinney-Vento eligibility, they can self-enroll. SPED students can be appointed a surrogate parent by the school district.



What Do You Think?

Jason is a 16-year-old from Guatemala who was released to his uncle. Jason is currently working to pay rent and to send money back to his family in his country of origin. Jason left school when he was 10 years old and has been working ever since. Jason speaks Q'eqchi (an indigenous language) and has very limited proficiency in English and Spanish.

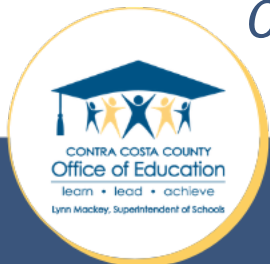
What are potential barriers for school enrollment?



McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including:

- Sharing housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
(77% identified MV students in 2020-21)
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, camping grounds, cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus/train stations, etc. due to a lack of alternative, adequate accommodation
(Motels 8%)

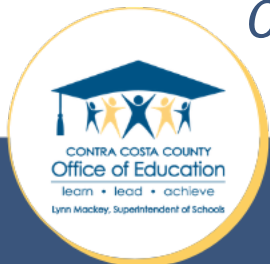


Can the student go to the SAME PLACE (fixed) EVERY NIGHT (regular) to sleep in a SAFE and SUFFICIENT SPACE (adequate)?

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including:

- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
(11% identified MV students in 2020-21)
- Living in a public or private place not designed for or regularly used as accommodations.
- Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus/train stations, or similar settings *(4%)*
 - *What is substandard?*
- Includes unaccompanied youth and migrant students living in those situations.



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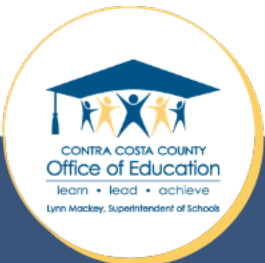
Determining Eligibility

Shared housing

- Is it due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason, whether in the US or another country?
- Did the family lose housing due to natural disaster, violence (war, gangs, coup), loss of employment or subsistence?
- Where would they go if they had to leave where they are staying?
- Do they have any right to be there?
- Is the housing adequate?
- "Sponsors" don't change the analysis.

To ask or not to ask:

- Determining eligibility requires information about the student's housing situation.
- Federal law says schools cannot ask any questions that might "chill" the right to enrollment for an undocumented student.
- Balance!



Cultural Considerations of Doubled Up

Shared housing or multigenerational living situations:

- Who is included on the lease?
- Who is contributing to household costs?
- Does everyone have adequate space to sleep?
- Is the living arrangement for everyone's mutual benefit?
- Are any members of the household looking for their own place to live?
- Was one family already living in the space and another family moved in?

While multigenerational families *may* be a cultural value, each situation must be evaluated *individually*.



Rights and Services for Students

McKinney-Vento Act

- Applies to pre-K through high school and all public schools including preschools, charter and virtual schools.
- No age limitations
- Requires every school district to appoint a local homeless education liaison

McKinney-Vento Services

- Immediate enrollment
- School selection
- Transportation
- Academic assistance
- Referral to community services
- School meals
- Fee waivers

McKinney-Vento Contacts:

- Each school district has a homeless education liaison who identifies students and coordinates services.
- Contact information can be found on COE website.



CCC Homeless Education Liaisons

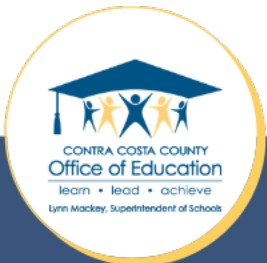
- Every school district must designate a local homeless education liaison to serve as the key homeless education liaison to serve as the key homeless education contact in the district and to ensure that eligible students within the district receive the rights and services to which they are entitled.



FOSTER CARE AB 490 & MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT DISTRICT LIAISON LIST 2022-2023

Acalanes Union High School District 1212 Pleasant Hill Road Lafayette, CA 94549	Liaison: Amy McNamara Title: Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services	Phone: (925) 280-3900 ext. 6622 Fax: (925) 280-3903 Email: amcnamara@auhsdschools.org
	Liaison: Stephanie Thompson Title: Admin Assistant	Phone: (925) 280-3900 ext. 6629 Fax: (925) 280-3903 Email: sthompson@auhsdschools.org
Antioch Unified SD 510 G Street Antioch, CA 94509	Liaison: Barbara Aguilar Title: Foster and Homeless Youth Liaison/Student Support Counselor	Phone: (925) 779-7500 ext. 53402 Fax: (925) 779-7514 Email: barbaraaguilar@antiochschools.net
Brentwood Union SD 255 Guthrie Lane Brentwood, CA 94513	Liaison: Kirsten Jobb Title: Director, Student Services	Phone: (925) 513-6300 Fax: (925) 634-8583 Email: kjobb@brentwood.k12.ca.us
Byron Union SD 14301 Byron Highway Byron, CA 94514	Liaison: Vickey Corker Title: Foster and Homeless Youth Liaison	Phone: (925) 634-6644 Fax: (925) 376-2343 Email: vcorker@byron.k12.ca.us
Canyon SD P.O. Box 187 Pinehurst Road, CA 94516	Liaison: Julie Patten Title: Principal	Phone: (925) 376-4671 Fax: (925) 376-2343 Email: jpatten@canyon.k12.ca.us
Contra Costa County Office of Education 77 Santa Barbara Road Pleasant Hill, CA 94523	Liaison: Alejandra Chamberlain Title: Youth Development Services Director	Phone: (925) 942-3308 Fax: (925) 942-3490 Email: achamberlain@cccoc.k12.ca.us
John Swett Unified SD 400 Parker Avenue Rodeo, CA 94572	Liaison: John Angell Title: Attendance Supervisor	Phone: (510) 787-1088 ext. 1109 Fax: (510) 787-2184 Email: jangell@jsusd.org
Knightsen SD	Liaison: Veronica Polk	Phone: (925) 626-3303 ext. 3076

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Undocumented Children: Pre-K-12 Rights

- Children and youth living in the United States have the **right to attend public schools**, regardless of their immigration status.
- Schools **cannot ask** about a student's or family's immigration status or take other actions that could discourage students from seeking enrollment.
- Schools **cannot require** Social Security numbers or immigration or citizenship documentation.
- Schools cannot contact ICE or other law enforcement officials about students or families who may be undocumented.



Undocumented Children: Pre-K-12 Rights

- Undocumented children and youth living in the United States **have the right to participate fully in school**, regardless of their immigration status.
- If the student is also McKinney-Vento eligible, the school must address barriers to full participation in school activities, including transportation.
 - CTE services *may* require social security numbers or employment authorization.
 - Foreign travel as part of an activity is not advisable.



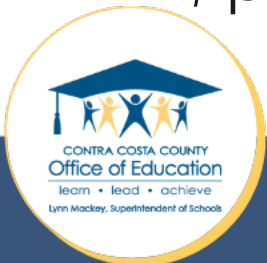
Undocumented Children: Early Childhood

- Undocumented children have the right to attend state and LEA preschool programs.
- Head Start and Early Head Start programs may serve undocumented children and families.
- Only 'qualified immigrant children' are eligible for federal child care subsidies.
 - The immigration status of a parents is irrelevant.



Undocumented Children: Higher Education

- Undocumented youth can apply to public colleges and universities in every state except AL and SC.
- Undocumented youth are not eligible for federal financial aid.
 - Youth with legal immigration status can apply for federal aid even if their parents are undocumented
- Undocumented youth are eligible for state financial aid only in CA, MN, NM, NY, TX and WA.
- Undocumented youth are eligible for in-state tuition in AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, IL, KS, MD, MN, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OK, OR, RI, TX, UT and WA, plus U's of HI and MI.



Assisting Children and Youth in Transition

- Students experiencing homelessness, refugee/immigrant youth, foster youth, military youth
 - need items such as backpacks, hygiene kits, blanket, clothing
- Other resources include tutoring, housing support and newcomer orientation support
 - professional learning and awareness training
 - trauma informed care
 - strategies that support newcomers in the classroom





First Day of School In The USA!





THANK YOU!

**ANY
QUESTIONS?**

CoC Program Model Eligibility

- Shelby Ferguson, H3

CoC Program Models

Prevention/Diversion

Rapid Exit

CORE Outreach

CARE Centers

Emergency Shelters

Rapid Rehousing

Permanent Supportive Housing

General Eligibility



Depends on funding source(s)



Federal funding generally requires documented status



State and local funding is generally more flexible

CoC Program Models – Eligibility

Prevention/Diversion

- Can serve undocumented participants

Rapid Exit

- Can serve undocumented participants

CORE Outreach

- Can serve undocumented participants

CARE Centers

- Can serve undocumented participants

Emergency Shelters

- Can serve undocumented participants

Rapid Rehousing

- *Most can serve undocumented participants**

Permanent Supportive Housing

- *Most cannot serve undocumented participants**

Closing and Survey

Jaime Jenett, Health Housing and Homeless
Services

Additional Resources Shared During Working with Undocumented Clients Experiencing Homelessness 6-10-24

- There are great resources to learn more about human trafficking, including labor trafficking, here: <https://www.contracostacoalition.org/>
- Find out about immigration status and benefits: <https://keepyourbenefits.org/en/ca/>
- Are immigrants eligible for CA ID?
 - not yet but they will be soon ... the DMV is working on implementing it.
 - It will go into effect July 2027
 - https://caimmigrant.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/faq_ab_1766_ca_ids_for_all_dec_2022-english.pdf
 - If residents of Richmond, they can provide an ID
<https://www.richmondcityid.com/to-apply--para-aplicar.html> Requirements
<https://www.richmondcityid.com/requirements--requisitos.html>
- there is also a good resource / explainer here: <https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/What%20You%20Need%20to%20Know%20About%20Public%20Charge.pdf>
- Here is a great resource for working with indigenous communities and they can help with translation for MUM and are working on Q'eqchi www.eltimpano.org.
- Also this: <https://eastbaysanctuary.org/vocesmaya/>
- Good morning everyone, I wanted to share in the chat, who Stand Together Contra Costa is and what we do for community before I log off. Thank you Jessica for having our Orgs. info in your presentation. My name is Erica Yanez and I am Stand Together Contra Costa's Client Services Specialist.
- Stand Together Contra Costa offers free legal immigration consultations to community members who currently work, live, or study in the County of Contra Costa. Community members who would like to have a free consultation with our immigration attorney, can give a call to our Rapid Response Hotline at (925)-900-5151 where an intake form will be completed over the phone with one of our operators who will then turn over the callers information to the attorney. The Rapid Response Hotline also serves as a number where community members can report suspected ICE activity. What Stand Together Contra Costa specializes in is free legal representation in immigration proceedings, such as representation in seeking bail or release, and in deportation defense. All calls are completely private and confidential protected under attorney- client privilege which expands to every member of the program as they are a part of the legal team. As the Client Service Specialist my work will include supporting detained or non-detained indigent non-citizen clients with holistic services navigation, as well as helping coordinate Stand Together Contra Costa's community engagement events, clinics, and training throughout the county. If you need to reach me in my new role, my office is in Martinez at the Public Defender's Office, my email is; erica.yanez@pd.cccounty.us, my work desk number is; (925) 608-9622, my work cell is; (925) 507-7981 (You can call/text). Please connect with me, so we can build/serve together. I look forward to meeting you all outside of this meeting space, in the near future. Have a great Monday everyone. I have to go, Thank you!

- just a reminder that immigrant youth who are abused/.abandoned/neglected by one or both parents may qualify for special immigrant juvenile status (SIJS) which is a path to a green card, so please refer them to a legal service provider if you spot a kid in that situation
- Flyers about how to access homeless services:
 - Spanish:
<https://www.cchealth.org/home/showpublisheddocument/5733/63825557419747000>
- Bay Area Legal Aid's legal advice line : 800-551-5554