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About SchoolHouse Connection

SchoolHouse Connection works to overcome homelessness through education. We provide strategic advocacy and practical assistance in partnership with schools, early childhood programs, institutions of higher education, service providers, families, and youth.

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Policy Advocacy
Advocate for systemic reform through the adoption and implementation of policy solutions that center the needs and experiences of young people.

Youth Partnerships & Leadership Development
Partner with young people who drive our policy agenda and provide support to organizations and communities who want to improve how they partner with youth.

Public Education
Document and disseminates the latest and most relevant information about youth and young adult homelessness in partnerships with our young leaders and members.

Training & Technical Assistance
Equip communities with the tools, information and capacity to reform community responses, advocate for policies that work for youth, and authentically partner with young people with lived experiences of homelessness.

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Today’s Agenda

- **Summary** of federal legislation and administrative action related to child and youth homelessness and COVID-19
- **Discussion** of current needs and gaps for future legislation
- **Resources**
COVID-19 Bills Overview

**Phase 1**

**Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, enacted March 6, 2020**

$8.3 billion emergency funding bill designed to treat and prevent the spread of COVID-19

**Phase 2**

**Families First Coronavirus Response Act, enacted March 18, 2020**

Provides for free testing, paid sick leave, some food assistance and waiver authority, and unemployment provisions

**Phase 3**

**The CARES Act, enacted Friday, March 27, 2020**

$2.2 trillion for coronavirus response and economic stimulus

**Phase 4**

In progress
Bipartisan agreement on $2 trillion emergency legislation.
Enacted March 27, 2020
Action now moves to federal agencies to get the funding out quickly
Extremely fluid situation; lawmakers are already discussing additional response packages/funding.
The CARES Act Overview

How The $2 Trillion Breaks Down

The CARES Act provides relief to several groups impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

- Individuals: $560 billion (estimated)
- Public health: $153.5 billion
- Big corporations: $500 billion
- Small businesses: $377 billion
- State & local governments: $339.8 billion
- Safety net: $26 billion
- Education/other: $43.7 billion (estimated)
Federal Waivers and Other Action as of April 1, 2020

**ED**
- ED is offering waivers of ESSA accountability/assessment requirements

**USDA**
- Waived requirement to provide school meals in group setting
- Waived meal time requirements
- Allowing delivery of school meals

**HUD/FHA**
- Foreclosure and eviction moratorium for single family homeowners with FHA-insured mortgages for the next 60 days (effective March 18, 2020)
Federal Waivers and Other Action as of April 1, 2020

- ACF Information Memorandum - March 30, 2020
  - Provides short-term relief for administrative, financial management, and audit requirements
  - Applicable to human service activities conducted by recipients in areas affected by COVID-19
  - 12 specified areas of flexibility
  - ACF Information Memorandum: IM-ACF-OA-2020-01
Children and youth experiencing homelessness retain all educational rights under current federal law.

- Secretary is permitted to waive various sections of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act related to assessments, state plans, and allocation of funding.
- Does not allow Secretary to waive:
  - McKinney-Vento Act requirements
  - Title I Part A reservation of funds for homeless students
  - Requirements to serve children/youth with disabilities who are homeless
  - Independent student status for unaccompanied youth on the FAFSA
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Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

- $13B to SEAs based on Title IA formula.
- Timing: Application from ED to SEAs within 30 days; applications approved 30 days from receipt.
- Awards to LEAs also based on Title IA formula.
- Allowable uses of funds specifically include activities authorized under the McKinney-Vento Act and activities to address the unique needs of students experiencing homelessness, including how outreach and service delivery will meet their needs.
Other allowable uses of funds include:

- Planning for and coordinating how to provide meals and technology.
- Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software and connectivity) for students.
- Mental health services and supports.
- Ensuring access to summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs for students experiencing homelessness.
$14B to higher education institutions based primarily on percent of Pell Grant recipients.

Institutions must use at least 50% of funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

Preliminary analysis of amounts distributed to institutions may be found here (courtesy of National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators).
Governors Emergency Education Relief Fund

- $3B to states, based on combination of number of children and youth ages 5-24, and Title IA-eligible children.
- For grants to LEAs most significantly impacted by coronavirus.
- For grants to institutions of higher education.
- For grants for emergency educational services for K-12, higher education, child care and early childhood education, social and emotional support, and protection of education-related jobs.
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ACF: Early Care/Child Care

- $3.5B for Child Care and Development Block Grant
- $750M for Head Start
- $45M for Family Violence and Prevention Act
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ACF: Runaway and Homeless Youth

● $25M for Runaway and Homeless Youth -
● “That such amounts shall be used to supplement, not supplant, existing funds and shall be available without regard to matching requirement.”
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Housing/Homelessness: Top Line Summary

- **$4B** in Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)
- **$5B** in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Can be used for rental assistance.
- **$685M** Public Housing
- **$1.25B** in Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- **$1B** in Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)
- An additional **$30B** in Disaster Relief Funds. Can supplement some ESG and CDBG uses.
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HUD: A Closer Look at Emergency Solutions Grant

- $4 billion in Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)
  - Up to $2 billion to 2020 grantees under same formula, allocations to be made within 30 days.
  - Remaining to be allocated to states or local units of government by formula determined by Secretary.
  - Includes “at risk of homelessness” for prevention activities. Per HUD, it would include those defined as homeless by ED and HHS.
Evictions and Foreclosures

- Landlords who receive forbearance on mortgage payments of rental properties (available for 90 days) **cannot evict renters or charge late fees or penalties** for nonpayment of rent.
- Federally-backed mortgages **cannot be put in foreclosure** until at least May 17.
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Food Assistance

- $8.5B for Child Nutrition Programs
- $15.5B for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Questions + Discussion
Youth/young adults (“dependents”) are not eligible to receive a separate check (apart from their parents).

A “dependent” is a qualifying child or qualifying relative defined by the IRS.

If an “adult child” is not considered as a dependent, they may be eligible for a stimulus check.

Experts suggest that if that adult child is not currently filing their own taxes, they may want to consider filing even if they do not have taxable income. Note: Tax season for the 2019 return is now open until July 15, 2020.

Experts are saying that, “if an adult child qualifies as a dependent, they are a dependent unless they are otherwise excluded by law.”
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Recovery Rebates: Strategies for reaching homeless youth/families

- Ensure homeless young adults and parents have filed their taxes if they are not considered to be “dependents”. Make sure they have access to their social security numbers (Note: Stimulus checks will be $1,200 per adult and $500 per child under the age of 17.)
- Ensure their most updated bank account information or address information filed with the IRS as part of their 2019 or 2018 taxes as stimulus checks will be sent via direct deposit (or mailed by check if direct deposit details are not on file).
- Regularly visit the IRS’s website for updates on Economic Impact Payments and Corona Tax Relief
Economic Stabilization Fund (Loan Guarantee)

- Loans for organizations with 500-10,000 employees:
  - 2% interest rate
  - Funds must be used to retain at least 90% of the recipient's workforce, with full compensation and benefits, through Sept. 30, 2020.
  - No accruing interest or payments required for the first six months.
  - Borrowers must demonstrate alternative financing not available.

*More Information: Alliance for Strong Families and Communities: Access to loans for Medium-Large Nonprofits (500+)
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Small Business Administration for Nonprofits
(Paycheck Protection Program Loan and Loan Forgiveness)

- Loans for organizations with fewer than 500 employees:
  - No personal guarantee/collateral required
  - 4% interest rate (max.)
  - Loan amount: Lesser of $10 million **OR** 2.5 times the average total monthly payroll (including benefits) costs
  - Loans can be used for payroll, operations, debt services, etc.
  - Loan forgiveness: Employers that maintain employment for eight weeks after the origination of the loan **OR** rehire employees by June 30th become eligible for loan forgiveness (loans essentially turn into grants)

*More information: [Council of Nonprofits: Small Business Administration (SBA) 7a Forgivable Loans for Nonprofits (500-)](www.schoolhouseconnection.org) | [@SchoolHouseConn](www.nn4youth.org) | [@nn4youth](www.nn4youth.org)
The CARES Act creates three new Unemployment Insurance (UI) programs:
- *Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC),
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), and
- *Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

PUA is meant for emergency assistance to reach workers:
- Provides income support to workers who are shut out of state UI systems. Workers who are eligible for state UI are not eligible for the PUA program.
- Eligibility: Includes workers seeking part-time work and workers without a long-enough work history to qualify for state UI benefits.

*More Information: [UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROVISIONS IN THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT](#)
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Unemployment Benefits

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) Applicants self-certify:
  - 1.) partial or full unemployment **OR**
  - 2.) unable and unavailable to work because of one of the following circumstances:
    - Caring for a child who can’t attend school because of closure;
    - Place of employment is closed as a direct result of COVID-19; **OR**
    - They meet any other criteria from the Dept. of Labor
    - For a complete list visit the link below.

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What Congress Still Needs to Address in Future Legislation

What we have heard so far

- More targeted support to homeless children and youth through public schools (EHCY and required setaside of CARES Act funding)
- More RHYA emergency funding - original ask was $150 million
- More targeted ESG or other funding for motels and housing assistance for which families and youth are eligible, and can easily access
- Include unaccompanied homeless youth explicitly in recovery rebates
- Motel evictions: funds to stabilize families/youth, extend moratoria to motels
- SNAP waiver from work requirements for college students
Questions + Discussion
COVID-19 and Homelessness: Strategies for Schools, Early Learning Programs, and Higher Education Institutions

- FAQ on COVID-19 and Homelessness
- Checklist for Local Education Agencies and Early Childhood Providers
- Strategies for Schools and Early Learning Programs
- Higher Education Resource: COVID-19 Response for Youth Who Are Homeless or in Foster Care
- Upcoming Webinars
- Archived Webinars
- Policy Updates
- [Guest Perspective] Supporting Our Students Amidst the Unknown: Evolving Lessons During COVID-19
- News on COVID-19 and Homelessness
- Other Resources
Youth homelessness service providers and schools are on the front lines in communities serving often hidden and difficult to serve children, youth, and families. We have created a webpage that includes the latest policy updates and a directory of resources from:

- Youth Service Providers
- State Partners
- National Partners
- Federal Agencies

If you have resources to share, email them to info@nn4youth.org.
SchoolHouse Connection and Other Education Resources

- [SchoolHouse Connection] COVID-19 and Homelessness: Strategies for Schools, Early Learning Programs, and Higher Education Institutions
- Supporting Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness during the COVID-19 Outbreak: Questions to Consider | United States Interagency Council on Homelessness
- COVID-19 ("Coronavirus") Information and Resources for Schools and School Personnel
- COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Information
- AASA Provides Resources on Coronavirus
- Chronic Absenteeism in the Time of Coronavirus
- ACF-HS-IM-19-01 General Disaster Recovery Flexibilities
Mental Health Resources

- Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19 | CDC
- Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health During an Infectious Disease Outbreak
- Coping With Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks
- Talking to Children About COVID-19 (Coronavirus): A Parent Resource
Thank you!

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