

# Understanding Homelessness & the Education Connection

A virtual Google Classroom professional development opportunity

The Pickaway County ESC is offering Understanding Homelessness & the Education Connection, via Google Classroom, for educators to gain information about students who are experiencing homelessness and poverty.

Offered through the ESC's Project DREAM (inDigent Relief by Exploring All Methods) grant, the goal is to provide Pickaway County teachers, administrators and school personnel with tools to better serve these students.

Participants will learn about educational challenges facing these students; better understand how to identify students in need and connect them with local resources; and share strategies to keep students in school and maintain student achievement.

All materials for the self-paced class will be provided. Contact hours earned to submit to your LPDC will be documented for each participant by Lisa Heins, ESC Professional Services director.

The online class offers two options: 30 or 60 contact hours.

- The work scope for 30 contact hours requires successful completion of the 27 assignments in the Google Classroom Classwork area. Activities include writing responses, reading articles, viewing videos, etc.
- The work scope for 60 contact hours requires successful completion of the same assignments plus reading a book about homelessness or poverty and writing a critique. The ESC has acquired books on the topic as resources for this class and participants will be able to choose their own title.



To register or for more information,  
contact Lisa Heins at (740) 474-7529, Ext. 1413.