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Students in Transition

Did You Know?

Unaccompanied homeless youth are much more likely to be unsheltered (55%) than all people experiencing homelessness (35%) or people experiencing homelessness as individuals (48%).





The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)

offers monthly training webinars. NCHE webinars are provided free of charge and allows participants to learn about issues related to the education and well-being of children and youth experiencing homelessness.

<u>Please visit the website</u> to find full webinar descriptions or to register for upcoming sessions.

Self Paced Training is available if you prefer to watch the webinars at your own pace and at a time of your choosing.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987

The McKinney-Vento Act defines *unaccompanied youth* as "a homeless child or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian." Unaccompanied youth are eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Act regardless of the circumstances that led to their separation from family. It is important for schools to remember that their primary responsibility is to enroll and educate children and youth experiencing homelessness in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act, which neither authorizes nor requires schools to make judgments about the validity of why a student is not living with a parent or guardian. A student's eligibility should be evaluated based on the nature of his or her current nighttime living arrangement, not the circumstances that caused him or her to leave home.

Homeless Student Count as of 5/07/18: **519**

The Spotlight

A special thank you goes out to the GFWC Fort Walton Beach Woman's Club for their continuous donations to our Title IX Program. Over the last 2 years, some of the items donated were:

- Uber gift cards
- Food & snacks
- Hygiene kits
- Socks and underwear



If you have any questions, please contact the Title IX Office 850-301-3008

www.okaloosaschools.com/district/titlel

"The time is always right to do what is right."

Thank you to the following schools for inviting us to a faculty meeting to discuss the Title IX program with your staff:

- Antioch Elementary
- Bob Sikes Elementary
- Destin Middle School
- Plew Elementary
- Pryor Middle School
- Ruckel Middle School
- Shoal River Middle School

If we have not been to visit your school and speak with your faculty during a faculty meeting, please contact us at 850-301-3008 to set up a time.

