



Monterey County Office of Education

Leadership, Support, and Service to Prepare All Students for Success

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TO: Monterey County Homeless/Transitional Liaisons,
School Principals, and Health Aides

FROM: Dr. Donna Smith, MCOE Program Coordinator of Homeless Services

SUBJECT: **McKinney-Vento:** Immunizations and Student Enrollment

The obligation of the District and County Homeless Liaison is to ensure barriers to education are removed for our students who are experiencing homelessness. Although we all understand that students who are experiencing homelessness should be immediately enrolled in school regardless of immunization verification, it is important that families are given time to access the verification needed. If documentation cannot be found, the district should use their resources to make sure required immunizations are received. Title 1 funds may be used to cover these expenses for students experiencing homelessness.

If a family cannot show verification of immunization, they should be immediately referred to the District Liaison for assistance. I have included a directory of County Resources to assist with finding sources. The school Health Aides and the District Nurse should work in conjunction with the District Liaison to find a solution which keeps the student in school during the process. Being in school every day is a key element for success and well-being for our homeless or transitional students.

The law states, "If the child or youth needs to obtain immunizations or other required health records, the enrolling school shall immediately refer the parent or guardian of the child or youth, or (in the case of an unaccompanied youth) the youth, to the local educational agency liaison designated under paragraph (1)(J)(ii), who shall assist in obtaining necessary immunizations or screenings, or immunization or other required health records, in accordance with subparagraph (D)." 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C).