

SDCOE HOMELESS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2024-25 IMPACT



Through the Homeless Education Services Program (HES), the San Diego County Office of Education's (SDCOE) Student Services & Programs Division provides support and resources to the 42 school districts in the county, Juvenile Court and Community Schools (JCCS), and county-wide charter schools to implement the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. SDCOE HES provides technical assistance (TA) and training to homeless liaisons and other staff who are involved in working with children and youth experiencing homelessness. This brief summarizes the impacts of SDCOE's work to support homeless education services in schools across San Diego County during the 2024-25 school year.

397 Technical Assistance consults provided

District and charter school staff received the largest portion of TA consultations from SDCOE HES. Other recipients included agency staff, families, students, and early education representatives.

The four topics most frequently asked about during TA contacts were:

- Transportation
- Eligibility
- Unaccompanied Youth
- Resources

19 Trainings and webinars provided

During the 2023-24 school year, SDCOE provided the following professional development and trainings for district homeless liaisons and school staff:

- McKinney Vento 101
- Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
- Identification of McKinney Vento Students
- Trauma, Hope, and Engagement
- Homeless Education and Immigration
- Early Education and Homelessness
- New Liaison Academy

450 Individuals Trained



Collaborative Meetings

9 Regional **3** Countywide

Foster Youth and Homeless Liaisons are encouraged to attend these three-times-a-year meetings where we provide:

- Important updates on legislation, policies, and best practices related to foster and homeless youth
- Timely resource sharing to support students and families effectively
- Peer-to-peer learning opportunities to exchange strategies, successes, and solutions
- Networking and collaboration with other liaisons across the region

16 Shelter Visits

These visits were conducted in partnership with four agencies and San Diego Unified's homeless liaison to provide coordinated support for families:

- Family support including assistance with school enrollment and transportation;
- Access to special education and early care and education programs.
- Shelter staff support including education, materials, and resources on McKinney-Vento rights to build capacity in navigation of the school system
- Overall impact includes reduced barriers to enrollment and stability.



**Stuff the Bus
2024**



The 2024 Campaign raised **\$111,000**

- Provided **8,909** backpacks and **8,909** hygiene kits
- Packs were filled with over **215,000** supplies
- Distributed to 30 school districts and 31 Charter schools across San Diego County