

Supporting Students in Temporary Housing – COVID-19 Resources for Schools and Families

Webinar Notes 3/27/2020

Handouts:

- [Q & A and Discussion on COVID-19 and Homeless Students](#)
- [NYSED Guidance Memo Links](#)
- [Tips for McKinney-Vento Liaisons: COVID-19 & Student Homelessness](#)
- [BEYOND THE FOOD PANTRY: COVID-19 Response for Students Who are Homeless or With Experience in Foster Care](#)
- [Webinar Slides](#)

Notes:

- Partnerships & Collaborations:
 - we have to continue to take a trauma-sensitive approach
 - [Matrix of Trauma-Sensitive Strategies of School Success](#)
- McKinney Vento protection:
 - students have options on what school to go to
- School stability when schools close:
 - Have them enroll immediately so that students can take advantage of all of the resources as soon as they can
- Free meals: Schools have extra flexibility
 - School Child Nutrition programs
 - Other food resources
 - *no documentation required
 - *children don't have to be with you
 - *can also text to see what's available

– *flexibility is key* –

These are the things that have been done:

- Greece: suburb outside of Rochester
 - pick up sites, partnering with Food Bank (shifting locations)
 - started with 2 times, but have found that its best when families pick up once
 - less contact by putting food in the trunk
 - use transportation as well
- Bill Morgan: Newburgh
 - provide learning packets
 - partnering with hotels to allow for food pick up somewhere else, & partnered with food bank of Hudson valley – prepared hygiene bags
- Eastern Suffolk BOCES: Julia (Coordinator of Family Education Outreach Programs)
 - Addressed food instability, continuity of curriculum, and social-emotional support
 - Circle of Inequities (where there is no transportation), so they gloved up and dropped food off

Additional food & nutrition support slide

- Online Learning: Access to devices, internet, & wifi
 - if the parent or student has an outstanding balance, they may not be eligible
 - after 60 days some will begin to charge

New strategies for Helping Students Manage Technology:

Greece:

- grade 3 & up have access to Chromebooks
- created a district helpline (7:30-3:30), & a chat feature

From the chat:

- Here's a list of Regional Managers by borough: [STH DOE Site](#)
- Ipad for Charter schools. Here's the application, *due today*: [Charter School Ipad Application](#)