

Michigan Department of Education ♦ Homeless Education Conference

Conference Strands

- ❖ **Accelerating Student Achievement** – Successful instructional strategies, learning resources, and other initiatives to enhance learning and achievement of homeless children and youth
- ❖ **Program Planning and Development** – “Best Practices,” school-based and community-based programs, collaborations, and initiatives that can be replicated in other districts
 - ♦ **Child Welfare & Foster Care** – Collaborations, programs, and services for youth involved with child welfare
 - ♦ **Early Childhood Education** – Public pre-school, Head Start, child care, and other initiatives for children ages 0-6
 - ♦ **Parent/Family Involvement and Engagement** – Promising initiatives, programs and services for the parents and families of homeless children and youth
 - ♦ **Transportation Strategies** – Successful strategies, programs, and initiatives for getting students to and from school and related programs and activities, as well as continuing students in their schools of origin
 - ♦ **Youth Services** – Programs, strategies, and initiatives for older youth and unaccompanied youth
- ❖ **Collaboration and Coordination** – Successful coordination with other education programs such as Title I, IDEA, Migrant Education, and Neglected & Delinquent, as well as with local community agencies and organizations
- ❖ **Data Collection and Program Evaluation** – State and local programs designed to collect and report relevant qualitative and quantitative data on homelessness and homeless students
- ❖ **Legislative and Policy Issues** – The McKinney-Vento Act and other related education, housing, and homelessness legislative and policy issues and updates