



2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR IMPACT

Through their Homeless Education Services Program (HES), the San Diego County Office of Education's (SDCOE) Student Services and 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. Each district or school designates a local liaison who serves as the primary contact to interface with the SDCOE HES. SDCOE HES provides technical assistance (TA) and training to the homeless liaisons and other staff who are involved in working with homeless children and youth. **This document highlights impacts of SDCOE's work to support homeless education services in schools across San Diego County during the 2021-22 school year.**

315 Technical assistance (TA) contacts provided

Local Education Agency (LEA) staff received the highest number of TA consultations from SDCOE HES (84%). Other recipients included agency staff, families, students, and early education representatives.

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

19% **Resources**, including student services, new liaison needs, housing and shelter, community collaboration, academic support, and COVID.

19% **Unaccompanied youth**, including FASFA, identification, eligibility, and enrollment.

17% **Eligibility and enrollment**, including disputes, reviewing McKinney Vento and Homeless Education Services resources, and the Housing Questionnaire.

26 Trainings and webinars provided

During the 2021-22 school year, SDCOE provided the following professional development and trainings for district homeless liaisons and school staff

Training	# of Trainings	# of Attendees
McKinney-Vento 101	12	340
Trauma, Hope, and Engagement	5	210
Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	4	52
Beyond the Mandates	3	71
Building Engaging and Supportive Classrooms	2	49

Total attendees: 722

"I've always been able to talk through even the most complex situations with the experts at SDCOE."

-Homeless Liaison

SUPPORTING YOUTH AND FAMILIES

SDCOE HES also supports the following projects aimed at improving access to education, supportive services, housing, shelter, and other basic needs for youth and families experiencing homelessness in San Diego County:

Project HOPE

provides navigation services for basic, housing, and educational needs to students identified as unaccompanied youth.

From December 2021 to June 2022...

45 consultations were provided to unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness

Out of the consultations, the top basic needs assistances were:

51% Housing referrals

31% Food resources

The top academic assistance provided were:

20% Post-secondary planning

18% Enrollment assistance

18% Academic counseling

Project Rest

an emergency hotel stay program for students and their families, providing a safe place to stay while connecting them to resources for housing and other services as needed.

From May 2022 to June 2022...

45 youth and families in San Diego were assisted

Out of the consultations, the top resources needed were:

48% Housing navigation

38% A safe place to stay

18% Food resources

On average, each consultation resulted in:

\$618 of financial assistance & **5** nights of help with somewhere to stay

