



## 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. **The impacts of SDCOE's work to support homeless education services in schools across San Diego County during the 2021-22 school year are shared below:**

**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

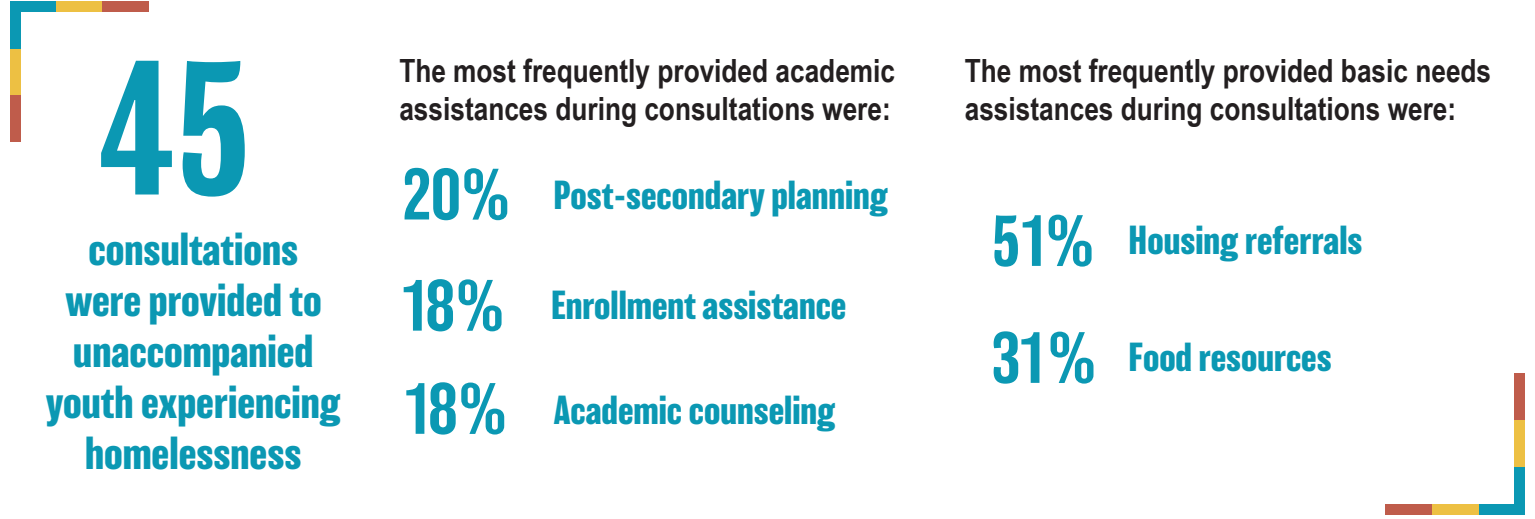
**Total attendees: 722**

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

*-Homeless Liaison*

## Homeless Outreach, Prevention & Education (Project HOPE)

SDCOE HES supports Project HOPE in collaboration with Foster Youth and Homeless Education Services and the San Diego Unified School District. Project HOPE provides navigation services for basic, housing, and educational needs to students identified as unaccompanied youth. More information about Project HOPE can be found [here](#). Data describing the reach of Project HOPE from December 2021 to June 2022 are shared below:



## Feedback from Homeless Liasons and Community-Based Experts

In Spring 2022, SDCOE HES conducted a needs assessment to learn about challenges and successes that schools and community-based organizations face when supporting students experiencing homelessness. The needs assessment included surveying local homeless liaisons (n = 47) and interviewing a selection of community-based experts (n = 9). **Overall, participants from the needs assessment shared positive reviews of working with SDCOE HES:**



*[SDCOE HES] is the intersection of youth homelessness and our school districts and our college campuses, etc. They're really the glue that helps us all get connected.*

*-Community-Based Expert*

*Every time I take [a training] I learn something new, and they are so helpful.*

*-Homeless Liaison*

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