



Project HOPE New River Valley

Closing Date for the LeTendre Scholarship June 17 @ 5:00 PM

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The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth provides scholarship assistance to students who are homeless or have experienced homelessness through the LeTendre Education Fund for Homeless Children, established in 1998 in memory of André E. LeTendre, husband of Mary Jean LeTendre, former Director of Compensatory Education for the U.S. Department of Education. In the spirit of André's desire to help children in homeless situations, the LeTendre Education Fund supports

their efforts to pursue higher education.

There will be a minimum of two \$2000 scholarships awarded annually. The scholarship is a one-time award. Additional financial support may be available for scholars in subsequent years.

The scholarship funds are available to students who are homeless or who have been homeless during their K-12 school attendance, and who have demonstrated average or higher than average



achievement. To date, the Fund has awarded scholarships to more than 280 recipients.

The online application can be found at <http://naehcy.org/naehcy-scholarship-fund/about-the-fund>

Project HOPE NRV is a regional program for Homeless Education which includes the five school divisions in the New River Valley.

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National Runaway Safeline Serves Unaccompanied Youth



1-800-RUNAWAY
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Between 1.6 and 2.8 million youth run away in a year.

The mission of the National Runaway Switchboard (NRS), now called the National Runaway Safeline, is to help keep America's runaway, homeless and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. The National Runaway Safeline provides education and solution-focused interventions, offers non-sectarian, non-judgmental support,

respects confidentiality, collaborates with volunteers, and responds to at-risk youth and their families 24 hours a day. The 1-800-RUNAWAY hotline now handles more than 100,000 calls per year.

The hotline serves family members, concerned friends of runaways, parents and school staff.

For additional information on this resource check out <http://www.1800runaway.org/>



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Support for Caregivers and Grandparents

What happens to a child whose parent goes to jail, is seriously ill, or for a number of other reasons cannot care for their child? In most instances a relative or friend steps up to care for the child. The additional stress this puts on the caregiver jeopardizes the stability of the child's housing.

How can we help caregivers so that they may continue to support our students? Because caregivers voluntarily take on the added responsibility of caring for these children, it is often assumed that they have the resources for their care.

- **Provide additional food.** If there is a backpack program or holiday food box distribution, consider the

caregiver's family. Refer the family to the local food bank for assistance.

- **Provide additional clothing.**

Assist in any way possible to provide the student with clothing, underwear, and shoes. Often there are younger siblings at home who might also need clothing or diapers. The Emergency Assistance Program in each county will also provide clothing to eligible families.

- **Provide opportunities for counseling.**

Displaced children may feel insecure and anxious. They may act out and challenge their caregivers. Caregivers, often expecting gratitude, are not always equipped to handle these unexpected emotions.



Two brochures that may be helpful:

Raising Your Grandchildren
<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/guide2013/raise.pdf>

What Caretakers Need to Know
http://www.mcps.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_92164/File/General%201/Brochure_Grandparents.pdf

Getting the NRV Project HOPE Word to the Community

Getting the information out about the homeless children in the NRV and what services the schools offer is an important part of the job of NRV Project Hope Coordinator. So far this year Aline Brinckman, Coordinator, had presented to members of the NRV Community Action staff

including Head Start staff, Emergency Assistance Service Coordinators and Homeless Prevention Program Workers, Radford Kiwanis, and Radford University Circle K.

If you would like Aline to present to your organization or school, please contact her at the numbers listed to the left.



McKinney-Vento 102: Support for School Success and Special Populations

Tuesday, May 17 2016 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT (please adjust for your time zone)

Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5346216234624537858>

Description: In this NCHE webinar, which serves as Part 2 in a 2-part webinar series, NCHE staff members provide an overview of important foundational concepts outlined in the McKinney-Vento Act and related federal laws. Specifically, the webinar will explore:

Support for school success available to homeless children and youth through federal programs other than the McKinney-Vento Act, including:

- Title I, Part A
 - Special Education under IDEA
 - School meals under the Child Nutrition Act, and
- Support for special populations under the McKinney-Vento Act, including:
- Young homeless children
 - Unaccompanied homeless youth

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with presenters and fellow attendees through interactive polls and discussion periods.

Presenters: NCHE Staff