



ACF Resources for Addressing Family Homelessness

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Informational Memorandum (released February 2013)

- Addresses how TANF funds can be used in support of state and local efforts to help families at risk of or experiencing homelessness. TANF funds can be used in coordination with HUD's Continuum of Care (CoC) program and the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program to maximize the impact of both resources.
- Available at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/resource/tanf-acf-im-2013-01>

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

Informational Memorandum (released June 2014)

- Clarifies that CSBG funds may be used as a match for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance programs, provided that any activities and services supported by the CSBG funds are consistent with all CSBG requirements.
- Available at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/resource/csbg-dear-colleague-letter-innovation-in-response-to-homelessness>

Early Childhood Development

Materials listed below, plus additional resources, available at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ece/expanding-early-care-and-education-for-homeless-children>

- *Letter and Resources* (released January 2013): Resources and recommendations for Head Start and Child Care programs, including prioritizing access to services for homeless families, providing grace periods that give homeless families sufficient opportunity to gather required documentation, coordinating with homeless education state coordinators and local liaisons, and working with homeless coalitions.
- *Guide to Developmental and Behavioral Screening for Housing and Shelter Providers* (released March 2014)
- *Building Partnerships to Address Family Homelessness* (released July 2014): A resource paper that highlights efforts by local Head Start and Early Head Start programs to connect with public housing associations, emergency shelter providers, local education agencies, and other community service providers.
- *Promising Practices for Children Experiencing Homelessness: A Look at Two States* (released July 2014): A resource paper that provides a look at the efforts in Massachusetts and Oregon to implement innovative policies to improve early childhood outcomes for young children experiencing homelessness.

ACF's Family Room Blog

- *A Systematic Approach to Ending Family Homelessness*, written by Acting Assistant Secretary Mark Greenberg (February 2014) Available at: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2014/02/a-systematic-approach-to-ending-family-homelessness>