



# Helping the Homeless Youth and Their Families Feel Safe, Supported, and Cared for by Their Service Providers

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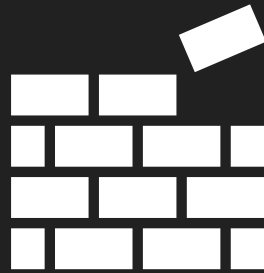
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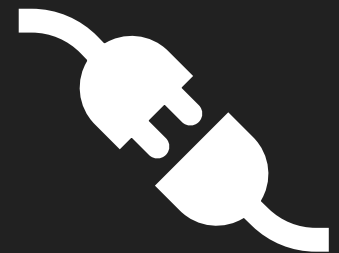


# EMPOWER THE YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES

Build Skills

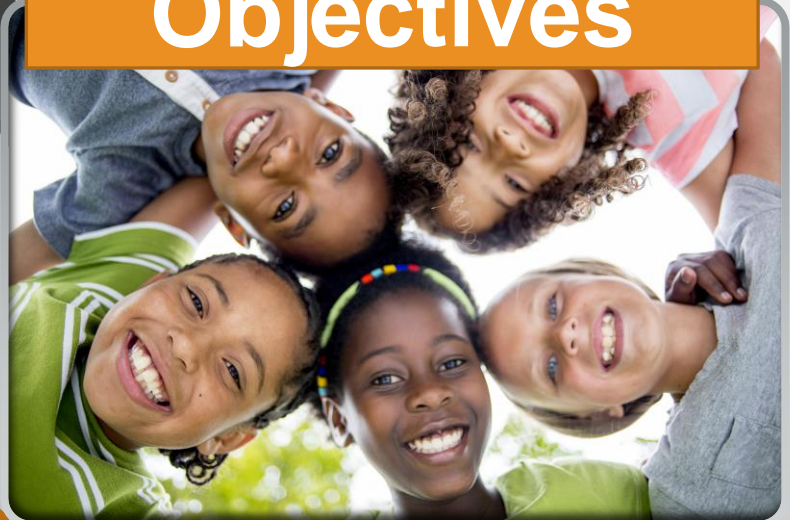


Build  
Relationships





# Learning Objectives



# ENGAGE and successfully work with the youth and their families



Seek



Invite



Trust



Care



Question



Listen



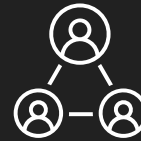
**EMPOWER** the  
youth and their  
families to advocate  
for themselves



**Guide**



**Mentor**



**Provide Services**



**Enhance Communication**



**Share Tools**



**Model**



**Connect to Community**



# COLLABORATE

with schools' administrators and social workers



Develop close relationships with schools



Learn what services the district offers



Invite administrators to visit your facility

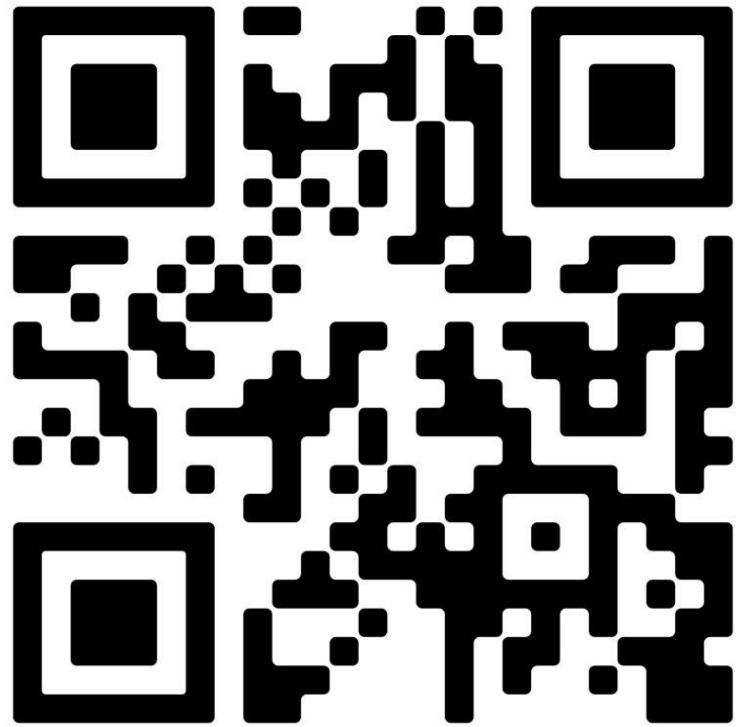


Connect with district social workers

# ➤ **COLLABORATIONS...**

- **Contribute to higher school attendance**
- **Contribute to building relationships**
- **Contribute to access additional services**
- **Contribute to awareness of youth's right**

# MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT



No Child Left Behind

Close Achievement Gap

Enrollment

Coordination

Services





# MCKINNEY-VENTO

## COMPARABLE SERVICES FOR ALL

- **Transportation services**
  - **Educational services**
- **Vocational and technical education**
- **Programs for the gifted and talented**
  - **Nutrition programs**

# Help families **NAVIGATE** the school districts and social services agencies

- **Bring families awareness of McKinney-Vento Act**
- **Coach parents on how to request services**
- **Guide the youth on how to advocate for themselves**



## **Encourage**

**Encourage parents to be involved**

## **Model**

**Model for parents instead of acting for them**

## **Support**

**Support families and connect them to available services**

# **NAVIGATE**

# DEVELOP social, emotional and communication skills



Model

Role Play

Journaling

Strategies

# CASE SCENARIO

- `Discuss
- `Propose solutions
- `Share



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