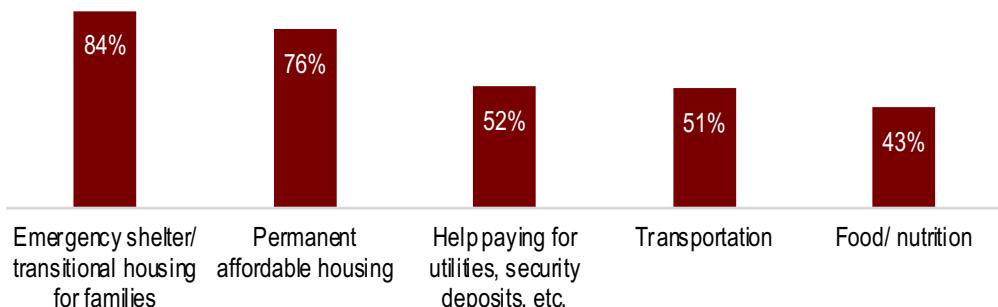




2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR IMPACT

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Student Services and Programs Division's **Homeless Education Program (HEP)** helps to ensure that students experiencing homelessness are enrolled, attend school, and thrive during their academic experience. LACOE HEP provides support and resources to the 80 school districts in the county, Juvenile Court, Community Schools, and 371 county-wide charter schools to implement the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. This brief summarizes the impacts of LACOE's work to support homeless education services in local education agencies (LEAs) across Los Angeles County during the 2024-25 school year.

According to a survey of Los Angeles County Homeless Education Liaisons, the **most pressing unmet needs of students experiencing homelessness** are:



Over half of Homeless Education Liaisons survey respondents felt that the number of students experiencing homelessness had increased since the prior school year, mainly due to family and community stressors

LACOE HEP provides **professional development, technical assistance (TA), and training** to LEA Homeless Education Liaisons and other staff and community partners who are involved in working with youth and families experiencing homelessness.

LACOE HEP provided **547** TA consultations reaching **816** individuals to homeless education liaisons and other education and community partners during the 2024-25 school year.

- ♥ McKinney-Vento family consultations about housing and academic support and services
- ♥ Attendance concerns, including barriers to attendance and strategies/resources to improve attendance
- ♥ Case management support for individual students and families

"As the LEA's McKinney-Vento Program Coordinator, I have received excellent services, advice, and assistance with all program implementation, awareness, and training [from the LACOE HEP team]" - LEA HEP Liaison

HOMELESS EDUCATION PROGRAM



Los Angeles County
Office of Education

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Professional development and
training events provided to LEA
HEP Liaisons and other staff

Training	# of Attendees
Understanding Immigrant Rights and Youth Placement	564
Homeless and Foster Youth 101	516
Leading in Changing Times: Innovation, Collaboration and Empowerment	336
Other topics	1,890

Total attendees: **3,307**

Participants rated the training events:

4.7 out of 5

for **effectiveness/helpfulness** on a scale from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest).

"The [most useful part was] the information about trauma and mental health, and the discussions about what our students and families experiencing homelessness are going through daily."

- LEA HEP Liaison

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

Coordinated Entry System (CES) Education Coordinators

The Challenge:

There were over 61,000 students experiencing homelessness in LA County in the 2024-25 school year. The County is a geographically large area; regions within the county face distinct obstacles, like greater isolation and limited access to basic resources in rural areas to unaffordable housing options in urban areas. Across all regions, families experience high mobility and disconnection from schools.

CES Education Coordinators served

4,327

youth and families in the 2024-25 school year

# of Individuals/ Families Served	
Children in families	2,657
Family households with head of household ≥ 25 years	1,232
Family households with head of household ≤ 24 years	269
Unaccompanied or pregnant/parenting youth	112

A Critical Solution:

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority has partnered with LACOE to embed specialized Education Coordinators within its Coordinated Entry System (CES) for homelessness services. CES Education Coordinators serve as bridges between the housing and education systems in each of the County's eight Service Planning Areas and provide direct services to youth and families to re-engage them in educational systems and trainings, as well as TA to school staff and other CES staff on supporting youth and families experiencing homelessness.

