



Silos to Systems of Collaboration

Integrating Programs for Family Support



This Workshop Explores....

effective strategies for uniting school-based programs with community resources and organizations to create a network of support for families.

By the end of the session, participants will leave with ideas -both within schools and across community agencies—to foster a holistic approach to supporting families.



Our Network.....in progress

Relationships, Responsibility,
Reciprocity

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What are the benefits in working in silos? What fears or threats, real or perceived, keep organizations or departments from collaborating?

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What are the pitfalls of working in Silos? Consider the impact on children, youth, and families.

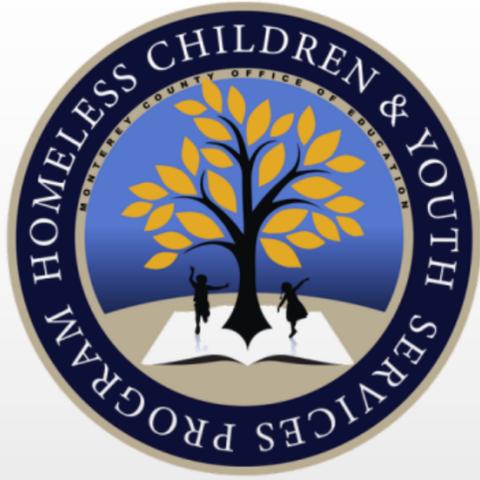
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“Breaking down silos can spark innovation in unexpected ways.”

— Gillian Tett, [The Silo Effect: The Peril of Expertise and the Promise of Breaking Down Barriers](#)

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*If you are a COE Homeless Coordinator,
one of your requirements is.....*

COE liaisons shall work collaboratively with school, district, and community partners in their county to assist with the development of mutually beneficial partnerships that support children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness.

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*If you are a LEA Homeless Liason,
one of your requirements is.....*

Homeless families and homeless children and youths receive referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services.

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Become an Investigator

School Districts
Charter Schools

- Needs
- Initiatives
 - Community Schools
 - CEI
- Programs - COE and LEAS
- Foster
- Migrant
- SPED
- Preschool
- Alternative Education



Collaboration to Build Relationships



*One on One Meetings
Regional Meetings
End of the Year
Meeting*



MONTEREY COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
HOMELESS CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM

Liaison Collaboration Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2025
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Rooms A and B at MCOE
Agenda

Please bring your Laptop.

1. Welcome
2. *Housing Resource Center* - Alexa Johnson
3. *Connections Program* Check-in
4. Share data with middle school/high school districts
5. Staff Changes 25/26 📅 2024/2025 LEA Homeless Liaisons Monterey County
6. Stuff the Bus 📅 2025/2026 Backpack Pick up Dates and Times
7. 2025/2026 School Year Meetings- Please sign up
 - One-on-One Meetings**- Zoom or In-person
 - August or September - 9:00 - 5:00
https://calendly.com/donnasmith_mcoe/45min
 - Regional Meetings** - In-person
 - Salinas December 8; 9-11
 - Location **MCOE**
 - South County December 10; 9-11
 - Location **Soledad**
 - Peninsula December 11; 9-11
 - Location **Carmel? Or Bay View, LFL**
 - End of the Year Meeting**
 - May 18, 2026 9-11
 - Location
 - Family Resource Centers Meetings**
 - August 13, 2025; 9-10:30
 - November 5, 2025; 9-10:30
 - March 11, 2026; 9-10:30

Homeless Children and Youth District/Charter Schools Liaison Meeting
2025/2026 Meeting Agenda, Information, and Data
District or School Name:

Updated Housing Questionnaire, updated 11/6/25

Yes

- Online
- Paper

No

No information

Reference: AB 2375: LEAs shall administer a housing questionnaire to all parents or guardians of students and to all unaccompanied youth annually. By the end of the 2021–22 school year, LEAs will ensure that the questionnaire is based on best practices developed by the California Department of Education (CDE) pursuant to Ca. Educ. Code § 48852.5(f)(1)(A)

Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 6173 updated by CSBA 2022:
<https://www.salinascityesd.org/board-of-educations/board-policies>

Yes: BP 6173 updated 10/17/23; AR 6173 updated 5/30/24; EX 6173 updated 5/30/24

Not yet

No information

Reference: Policies & Regulations - Monterey County Office of Education AB 408: Establish homeless education policies that are consistent with state law and **update these policies at intervals that shall not exceed three years.**

Updated Website:
<https://www.salinascityesd.org/department/family-resource-centers/homeless-services-mckinney-vento>

Yes

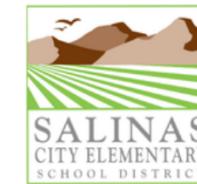
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Reference: AB 27: School districts, charter schools, and COEs shall create a webpage or post to their existing website **both** of the following:
A list of the liaisons in that district, charter school, or COE, and the contact information for those liaisons. Specific information on homelessness, including information regarding the educational rights and resources available to persons experiencing homelessness.

LCAP Targeted Population:
CDE Dashboard:
<https://www6.cde.ca.gov/californiamodel/studentgroupsreport?&year=2023&cdcode=2766142&code=8&reporttype=schools>

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Establish Network Opportunities between LEAS



What are our current efforts to help students be college- and career-ready?

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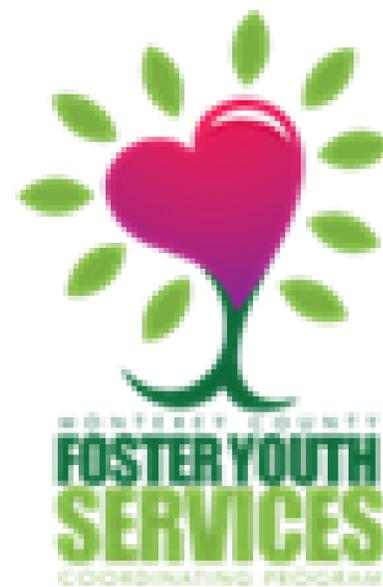
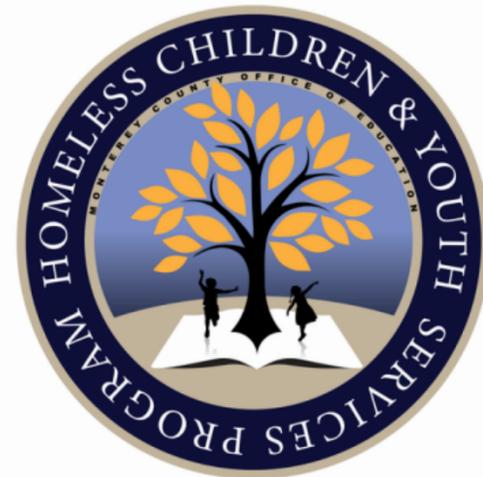
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- [LCAP Goals](#)
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Salinas City Union School District

- [Mission and Vision](#)

Salinas Union High School District

- [Portrait of a Graduate](#)





MONTEREY COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

The Monterey County Office of Education's Homeless Children and Youth Services Program and The California Community School Partnership Program serves all school districts, charter schools, alternative education programs, preschool programs, and higher education programs throughout Monterey County.

Our Family Resource Center is designed to provide a variety of services and resources to support our children and youth experiencing homelessness.

CONTACT US AT
 (831) 783-5277 EXT 1341
 Veronica Lewis, Program Coordinator
 California Community Schools



Resources

- Backpacks and school supplies*
- Clothing; Shoes
- Hygiene Kits & Products
- Emergency Food



Services

- FASFA applications assistance
- College enrollment applications
- Application Assistance (MediCal, Cal-Fresh, Unemployment, Etc.)
- Referrals to Community Agencies (Child Care, Mental Health, Legal Services, Etc.)
- CARS assessments
- Citizenship Classes
- Community Workshops

* All services are available to families with homeless children and youth who attend MCOE schools and programs or are enrolled in schools that do not have access to a Family Resource Center.*

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The Connections Program

"Building Stability Through Housing and Health."

Our Connections Program will offer a two-pronged program specifically designed to meet the criteria of the Family Homeless Challenge funding for the City of Salinas, Families First, and the Housing for School Kids funding. The goal is to facilitate a reduction in the number of homeless students by helping families with rental arrears and the first month's rent/ deposit.

PROGRAMA DE CONEXIONES
Juntos construimos conexiones más fuertes

Información sobre el Programa de Conexiones
El Programa de Conexiones brinda apoyo a jóvenes y familias que se encuentran sin hogar, en el sistema de cuidado temporal (foster care) o involucrados en el sistema de justicia, ofreciendo servicios que fortalecen su bienestar educativo, socioemocional y físico.

Manejo Manejado de Cuidado

- **Coordinación:** Un especialista de casos acompaña y orienta a la familia.
- **Apoyo Educativo:** Ayuda a conectar a la familia con los apoyos educativos necesarios.
- **Apoyo Social:** Asiste en el acceso a vivienda, asistencia alimentaria y otros servicios comunitarios.
- **Salud Mental y Física:** Conecta con tratamiento para el uso de sustancias, la salud mental y condiciones físicas crónicas.

Asistencia de Vivienda

- Depósitos de vivienda para familias McKinney-Vento
- Prevención de desahucios
- Apoyo para mantener una vivienda estable

Contáctenos
831 755-0300, Ext. 1484

Visite nuestro sitio web
www.montereycoe.org/connections-program

THE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM
Together We Build Stronger Connections

About the Connections Program
The Connections Program is designed to serve homeless, foster, and justice-involved youth and their families with services necessary to improve their education, social-emotional, and physical well-being.

Enhanced Care Management

- **Care Coordination:** A dedicated lead care manager guides you through the healthcare system.
- **Education Support:** Helps link the family to needed supports.
- **Social Support:** Assists with accessing housing, food assistance, and other community services.
- **Behavioral/Physical Health:** Connects to treatment for substance use, mental health, and chronic physical conditions.

Housing Assistance

- Housing Deposits for McKinney-Vento families
- Eviction prevention
- Housing sustainability case management

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Visit Our Website
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Enter Community Schools

In 2022, California invested \$4.1 billion to expand community schools statewide

The initiative aims to build educational equity by:

- identifying areas of need
- leveraging community resources
- strengthening students' sense of belonging

The populations of focus include:

- English learners,
- Foster youth and
- Students experiencing homelessness.





Community School Elements

Integrated Student supports

- *Coordinated services and supports to address student, family, and community needs.*



Expanded learning time and opportunities

- *Enhancing opportunities and access for students and families during and after school hours.*



Active family and Community engagement

- *Promotes interaction and development opportunities among families, staff, and administration*

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How does Alisal unite **school-based programs**?

C.O.S.T. (Coordination of Services Team)

P.P.S./F.A.C.E. Forums

Community Schools Core Planning Team Meetings

Community School Centers in all schools

McKinney Vento - Homeless Coordinator

Foster Youth Coordinator

Family Resource Centers

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How does Salinas Union unite **school-based programs?**

District - Health, Wellness, and Community Schools

- Homeless and Foster Youth Liaison
 - Data tracking, needs assessments, coordination of services, trainings.
 - Annual Housing Questionnaires
 - School stability and transportations

Sites Level Structure - Wellness Centers

- Community Liaison (main support person)
- Community Schools Site Coordinator
- MTSS Teams
- Academic Counselor
- Intervention Specialists (added layer of support through the CCSPP grant)

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Table Talk

What school-based/district-based programs do you feel would be important to invite to the conversation to create a network of support!?



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Building Partnerships with Community Organizations



Who Are These People and What Are They Talking About?



Continuum of Care

What is the Continuum of Care (CoC)?

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. The CoC Program also provides funding for non-profit providers and state/local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families, minimizing the trauma homelessness causes to individuals, families, and communities. Finally, the CoC Program promotes access to and utilization of mainstream programs and optimizes self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Monterey County Community Action Partnership

Helping People Changing Lives.

ABOUT THE MONTEREY COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Monterey County Community Action Partnership (MCCAP) is a publicly operated Community Action Agency supported by the Monterey County Department of

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Full Sail Ahead: Supporting Students Navigating Smooth & Stormy Waters

Community Organizations

MONTEREY COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES RESOURCE GUIDE

October 2024

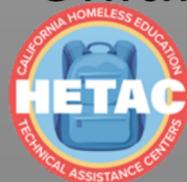





Counseling	North American Mental Health Service -	Community Human Services	Clinica de Salud -	Child Abuse Treatment Program Monterey County Rape Crisis Center	Valley Health	Sun Street Centers	Community Human Services DAISY - Community Human Services	
Dental	Alliance Dental Provider Search	Dr. Ramirez - For Migrant Students (831) 675-3354	Western Dental Services Address: 921 S Main st. Ste A, Salinas Phone: 831-783-3160	Wow! Smiles Address: 631 E Alvin Dr. Ste D, Salinas Phone: 831-443-3814	Wow Smiles Address: 335 El Dorado St ste 8, Monterey Phone: 831-373-3765	Central Coast pediatric dental group Address: 945 Blanco Cir Ste D, Salinas Phone:	Nayudu, Aparnavall C. DDS Inc Address: 1089 S Main St, Salinas Phone: 831-757-7504	Sunrisas Dental Care Address: 224 San Jose st STE 4, Salinas Phone: 831-202-0440
Domestic Violence	YWCA	Community Homeless Solutions						
Drug/Alcohol Treatment	Valley Health	Sun Street Centers	Community Human Services					
Emergency Family Shelters	Monterey County Department of Social Services	Hamilton House DV Shelter- Marina, For Women, Men, Children (Community Homeless Solutions)	SHARE Center-For Adults and Families-(831) 382-6582	MCOE - Homeless Children and Youth Services Program.	Frederiksen House- Seaside, For Families (The Salvation Army) (831)899-1071	Salvation Army DV Shelter	One Starfish Safe Parking https://onestarfishsafeparking.org/	Shuman Heart House— Monterey Shelter for Women and Families with Children
Food	Salvation Army	Food Bank for Monterey County	Shoreline Church Food Pantry	Project Food Box				
Homeless Services	MCOE Homeless Children and Youth Services -	Gathering for Women	Community Homeless Solutions	Coalition of Homeless Services Providers	Community Human Services			
Housing	Natividad DV Shelter- Salinas, For Women, Men, Children (Community Homeless	Community Homeless Solutions	Housing Resource Center -(CALworks clients only)	Central Coast Center for Independent Living	Housing Authority Monterey County	CHISPA https://chispahousing.org/	Echo Fair Housing -	Community Human Services
Health Prevention Programs	Monterey County Children Health and Disability Prevention Program -	Salinas Valley Health Mobile Health Clinic						
Legal Services	Watsonville Law Centerhttps	About CRLA California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.	Catholic Charities USA - Immigration & Refugee Services -	Family Justice Center -	Monterey College of Law			
Medical	Clinica de Salud-	Salinas Valley Health Mobile Health Clinic	MC-Choice					

How can they help us, and how can we help them?

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**community
human services**
hope. help. here.





How does Alisal collaborate with community resources and organizations?

Monterey County Behavioral Health

Rainbow Connections

Partners for Peace

Sticks & Stones

Monterey County Food Bank

Local Agriculture Partners

First Tee of Monterey County

Local Oral Health Programs

Mobile Clinic

School Climate County Convenings

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How does Salinas Union collaborate with community resources and organizations

Our districts is most effective when our schools operate as community hubs.

Our partnerships include:

- County child welfare agencies
- Local housing and shelter organizations
 - Food banks and
 - Clothing providers
 - Mental health providers
 - Mobile Clinics
- County office of Education



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Bringing Everyone Together

District Collaboratives

- Greenfield Collaborative
- SUHSD Collaborative

County-Wide Events

- Lead Me Home Summit
- Community Schools Coalition



**MONTEREY COUNTY
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS
COALITION**

Join us to learn more about the work of Community Schools and the ways we can collaborate to help students succeed and our community thrive!



Save the date!

8:30AM-1:00PM
November 18th, 2025

1 Main Street, Salinas, CA



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