



MCKINNEY-VENTO AND FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

OVESC FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM

McKinney-Vento

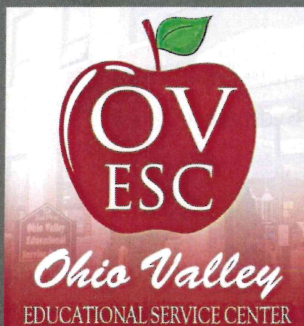
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DISTRICTS WE SERVE

Belpre City
Crooksville EV
Fort Frye Local
Frontier Local
Marietta City
Morgan Local
Switzerland of Ohio
Warren Local
Wolf Creek Local
Mid-East CTC
Washington CCCC



Our mission is to lift students and families by helping meet academic, emotional, and physical needs through McKinney-Vento and Family and Community Partnership supports and services.

Looking Into 2023-24

So, what's this Project Lift all about? Project Lift is comprised of our McKinney-Vento staff and Family and Community Engagement Liaisons and has the overarching goal of meeting the needs of all students and families in our districts. Whether that be hygiene items, clothing, emergency housing, academic assistance, or other supports, we work to assist districts and families to ensure regular school attendance, increased academic achievement, and high school graduation.

Our goals for 2022-23 are:

- to continue programming such as Kids Read Now books, Dawes science kits, tutoring and other personal needs services
- to assist districts with the development and implementation of Wellness Days and Parent Cafes
- to introduce Rent Smart, an educational program for potential renters, in our communities
- to offer the Rent Smart modules, especially on budgeting, in financial literacy classes in our districts
- to support local liaisons
- to provide professional development opportunities in our districts

Please feel free to contact any of the Project Lift Team for more information!

Meet Our Family Support Team



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Coming Soon for Family Engagement!

The OVESC has purchased a subscription to The Parent Institute Newsletters for all four age editions (Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, High School). The newsletters meet Title I and CARES Act requirements to conduct outreach to parents and family members. They will empower your families to help their children develop educational and social-emotional skills, as well as discipline and responsibility, so they can achieve school success. The newsletters will be available monthly in a digital format for easy website and email usage, and can be printed and distributed by districts as well.

District Highlight - Warren City Schools

BY ANN SKUFCA

In the Spring of 2023, The Kids Read Now program provided 8 free books over the summer to 13 McKinney-Vento students ranging from K-5. When I met with the students about picking out their books, one student's comment was "do we have to turn these back in?" Once they heard they were able to keep all 8 books, their eyes widened as a smile appeared on their faces realizing they will have something new of their own to cherish. Another student stated they never had the chance to pick out a brand new book before, and was worried if they would pick out the wrong book. Just with these 2 comments, it goes to show our students really appreciate this program. The 13 students who participated have seen an increase in their grades. Several of these students wish that they could have another Kids Read Now opportunity throughout the year.

Parent Cafe: This is a new Parent/Guardian Support Service for those who are having a difficult time handling a student. The meetings will begin the week

of October 2. Time and location will be announced. At the Parent Cafe meetings, a family dinner will be served and child care will be provided at no cost to the family. The meetings are informal and discussion will be about real life current issues, while trying to problem solve.

Middle School Warrior Wellness Day October 26: This is the second time Warrior Wellness Day will be offered to our 7th and 8th graders. The purpose of Warrior Wellness Day is to provide our students with resources to cope with everyday stressors as well as to prepare them with opportunities they would not seek out on their own. Community partners come and present to 4 groups for 30 minutes each group. The information provided to the students is hands-on materials; this was the best way the students learned from their feedback. By providing wellness days for our students, it continues to be a reminder that there is help out there for them and all they have to do is ask.

Updates

Jenny Maze met with local liaisons at Belpre and Warren to start the beginning stages of planning wellness days in our other districts. She also attended a virtual positive attendance conference with hopes to implement the practices she learned.

Community Partners

- Dawes Arboretum - Summer/Winter Science Kits
- Kids Read Now - Books
- Harvest House - Clothing
- Harp Mission - Clothing & Household Items
- The Ohio State University Extension Office