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SEAT 19

McKinney-Vento Liaisons · Pre-K to 12

From Liaison to Network



How can a liaison braid housing, food, health and school supports around one family?

10 slides · 2 handouts · evidence from Schools Spared, Children Punished and the Attendance Science™ research base

Six sectors, one household

> Schools, health, housing and human services, community and faith, justice and child welfare, and higher education and workforce all serve the same client: the family. Coordination is the difference between effort and outcome.

Source: Gentle-Genitty, Your Presence Matters national deck (2026)



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What liaisons are asking

How can a liaison braid housing, food, health and school supports around one family?

1

Each agency sees one slice of the family.

2

Federal funding streams are uncertain.

3

Liaisons carry large caseloads alone.

Shared words before shared work

B

Braided funding

Combining ESSA, Medicaid, TANF and McKinney-Vento dollars around one plan.

F

Family Stability Bullseye

Aim every ring of support at the household at the center.

H

Healthy People 2030 alignment

Five GG-FSI domains match federal social-determinant domains.

The numbers behind the moment

5 of 6

GG-FSI domains align with Healthy People 2030 social determinants

GG-FSI Research Summary, Attendance USA (October 2026)

31% to 23.6%

Warren Township chronic absence after a family-stability-first model

Schools Spared, Children Punished, Ch. 3: MSD of Warren Township case study

FSCS

federal Full-Service Community Schools funding faces cuts; braid streams instead

Attendance USA Attendance Intelligence Briefs, Aug to Oct 2026 (primary-source checked)

Classify before you consequence

Withdrawal

Housing, food, transit and benefits partners.

Refusal

Health and behavioral health partners.

Avoidance

School climate and mentoring partners.

Truancy

Diversion and youth development partners.

Three moves you can make this week

01

Cost: $0

Map partners to domains

List partners for each of the six GG-FSI domains.

02

Cost: $0

One family plan

One plan, one owner, shared with consent.

03

Partner

Monthly network table

A standing call with housing, health and school partners.

A PRESENCE™ prompt for your building

P	R	E	S	E	N	C	E
Problem definition	Research evidence	Environmental context	Statistical analysis	Equity assessment	**Network and partnership**	Compliance and legal	Evidence-based recommendations

YOUR PROMPT

For identified students, list every agency involved. Where two agencies serve the same family without talking, you have found a seam.



Common missteps, and how you will know it works

- ✕ Relying on one funding stream
- ✕ Sharing data without proper consent
- ✕ Creating parallel plans for one family

LEADING INDICATOR · Moves first

Referrals completed, not just made

LAGGING INDICATOR · Confirms it worked

Attendance for families with a shared plan

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