



Ensuring Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care: Best Interest Determinations and Immediate Enrollment

Join us for a webinar on August 24, 2016 at 2:00 PM EDT.

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Students in foster care are more likely than their peers to experience adverse educational outcomes. These adverse outcomes are, at least in part, linked to the high mobility often characteristic of children in foster care. Both the recently enacted Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 recognize this challenge and include vital protections to enhance the educational stability of this vulnerable student population.

As evidenced by both laws, collaboration between child welfare and education agencies is integral to ensuring educational stability for students in foster care. The U.S. Departments of Education (ED) and Health and Human Services (HHS) recently released joint [non-regulatory guidance](#) on the new ESSA foster care provisions that aims to guide these agencies in ensuring educational stability for the nearly 270,000 school-aged children in foster care across the country.

On July 27, HHS and ED hosted a [webinar](#), which provided an overview of the main provisions of the joint guidance. This webinar is a follow-up to the July 27 webinar and is the second in a four-part series in which ED and HHS will explore in greater detail discrete provisions of the guidance. These webinars also spotlight representatives from education and child welfare agencies, who will share promising practices and lessons learned from early implementation efforts. Additional information about the webinar series may be found at the end of this invitation.

State and local education and child welfare leaders are encouraged to attend this webinar, which will:

- Provide an overview of the Best Interest Determination and Immediate Enrollment provisions in the non-regulatory guidance;
- Feature promising practices and lessons learned through implementation from education and child welfare agencies; and
- Include a short question and answer period with the representatives from ED, HHS, and education and child welfare agencies.



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. *Space is limited for this webinar, so please register as soon as possible.* A recording and transcript of this webinar will be posted within a few weeks of the webinar date.

Mark your calendars for the next webinars in our series!

Webinar Topic	Date
Points of Contact	August 17, 2016 2 – 3 PM EST
Best Interest Determination & Immediate Enrollment	August 24, 2016 2 – 3 PM EST
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