

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Staff Travel Report
to
School Board of Trustees*

Your recent request to travel has been approved. Within two weeks of the date of the conference, the following report is due in the office of the Deputy Superintendent via Margaret Heim.

Please Download & TYPE the following information.

Staff Member:	<u>Natasha Valiska</u>	School:	<u>District</u>
Conference:	<u>National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth</u>	Staff Assignment	<u>Grants</u>
Do not use acronyms			
Location of Conference:	<u>Orlando Florida</u>	Dates Attended:	<u>November 17-19, 2024</u>

General Overview: Do not use acronyms

The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) Conference is an annual event that brings together professionals, advocates, educators, and service providers dedicated to supporting the educational needs of homeless children and youth. The conference serves as a critical platform for sharing best practices, research, and strategies to address the challenges faced by homeless students.

The primary goal of the conference is to advance the mission of ensuring that homeless children and youth have equal access to a quality education. It also aims to raise awareness about the unique challenges these students face and to create a network of support for those working to improve their educational outcomes.

The event is not only a professional development opportunity but also a call to action for attendees to advocate for and support policies that remove barriers to education for homeless children and youth.

How will this impact student learning in a positive way?

As a Grants Coordinator attending the NAEHCY Conference, the conference provided opportunities to collaborate with other organizations that support essential programs such as tutoring, mental health services, and transportation.

Networking with professionals nationwide allows you to share best practices and form partnerships, increasing the likelihood of securing funding for your initiatives.

The conference also provides access to resources, tools, and curricula specifically designed for homeless students.

These resources might include materials for social-emotional learning, academic enrichment programs, and ways to address issues like absenteeism or lack of access to technology. By equipping educators with these resources, students are more likely to experience a well-rounded and comprehensive educational experience.

How will I implement what I learned and how will I share this information with my colleagues?

This was my first experience attending the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) Conference. The conference often highlights ongoing advocacy efforts for policy changes at local, state, and national levels. When educators and advocates are equipped with the knowledge to influence policy, they can work to remove systemic barriers that hinder the academic success of homeless students. This may include advocating for more funding for school-based homeless programs or pushing for more flexible attendance policies, both of which can result in a more supportive and inclusive education system for all students. I will bring this valuable knowledge back to the district and share it with my colleagues.

Other Comments:

Kayleen Hawkins

Site Principal/Supervisor Approval

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Deputy Superintendent Approval

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