

**Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Continuum of Care
Policy on Education**

Policies:

- A. Educational needs of children shall be taken into account when families with children are placed into emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing programs.
- B. Programs funded by Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs shall have policies and procedures that are consistent with and which do not restrict the exercise of rights provided by subtitle B of title VII of the the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as amended by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009 and other laws relating to the provision of educational and related services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- C. In the case of programs that provide housing or services to families with children, CoC and ESG funded providers will designate a staff person to be responsible for ensuring that children being served in the program are enrolled in school and connected to appropriate services in the community, including early childhood programs such as Head Start, part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and programs authorized under subtitle B of title VII of the HEARTH Act.
- D. When families are placed in emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing, CoC and ESG funded programs will, to the maximum extent practicable, place families with children as close as possible to their school of origin so as not to disrupt such children's education. However, the decision to maintain a child's enrollment at their school of origin will consider any history of domestic violence or child abuse within the child's home environment.