



# IBHE HOUSE-ING ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

HOUSE SUMMIT 2024



# AGENDA:



Common questions  
IBHE receives



Sharing practices  
(small group)



Share out (whole  
group)



Web Resources



Are institutions required to allow homeless students to stay on campus during breaks and waive the fee?

QUESTION 1





Yes! See 110 ILCS 131/10(e)(1).

ANSWER 1





Is Summer break considered an “academic break”?

QUESTION 2






It depends. Two things to consider when determining:

1. Does the institution allow other students to stay over the Summer?
2. Is the student signed up for classes next semester?

ANSWER 2





What documentation is needed, if any, to verify that students' parents/guardians are “unable” or “unwilling” to support students?

QUESTION 3





The less documentation required of students in crisis the better. A verbal interview with HOUSE Liaison is most common practice.

ANSWER 3








A homeless student has poor academic performance, mental health issues, or campus violations. Must we allow this student to stay on campus?

QUESTION 4





Homeless students must follow the same rules as any other student. However, caution with removing student due to academics because unstable housing situation may be contributing factor to academic performance.

ANSWER 4






What information are HOUSE Liaisons required to track?

QUESTION 5





HOUSE Liaisons are required to track the number of homeless students and youth in care at the institution and graduation and retention rates for such students.

HOUSE Liaisons are also required to report annually to IBHE or ICCB. See IBHE's website for copy of the questions required for the FY 23 reporting: [IBHE HOUSE LIAISONS](#)

ANSWER 5



## ROUNDTABLE PROCESS

1. Sit wherever you like
2. Take a few minutes to introduce yourselves and your regular (non-liaison) roles at your institutions
3. Discuss the following questions about your work this year as a HOUSE liaison
4. Identify 1 take away from your conversation that you would like to elevate to the larger group during the report out segment of this session.

## ROUNDTABLE QUESTIONS

1. What challenges have you encountered in assisting students in navigating your college or local service systems?
2. What has been the most effective way to get resource information out to students experiencing homelessness?
3. How does your institution address housing needs when students are facing dismissal from the institution for academic or behavioral reasons?



# SHARE OUT

IDENTIFY 1 TAKE AWAY FROM YOUR CONVERSATION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ELEVATE TO THE LARGER GROUP

# WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR US?

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# ONLINE RESOURCES



The screenshot shows the top portion of the IBHE website. The navigation bar includes links for ABOUT US, WORK UNDERWAY, STUDENTS, INSTITUTIONS, DATA AND REPORTS, and NEWS AND MEDIA. A search bar and a language selection dropdown are also visible. The main content area features a large image of a smiling woman with the text "Housing and Opportunities that are Useful for Students' Excellence (HOUSE) Liaisons". Below this, the heading "HOUSE Liaisons" is followed by a paragraph explaining the requirement for institutions to designate staff as liaisons starting August 1, 2022.

This screenshot displays the "HOUSE Liaisons Names and Contact Information" page. It features two buttons: "HOUSE Liaison Contact Information Update Form" and "Download Contact Information (PDF)". Below these is a banner for "Continuums of Care and Fact Sheet" with a sub-link for "Continuums of Care Contact Information". The page is organized into two columns: "State and Federal Laws" (listing the Higher Education Housing and Opportunities Act, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and The College Cost Reduction and Access Act) and "National Center for Homeless Education" (listing Visit homepage, Homeless Liaison Toolkit, and Self-Paced Online Training).

This screenshot shows two columns of resource links. The left column, titled "Resources and Tips", includes links to the National Center for Homeless Education, tips for higher education liaisons, Illinois-specific tips, SchoolHouse Connection, tips for helping homeless youth, emergency aid, pandemic-related needs, DCFS services, mail service, and birth certificate requests. The right column, titled "FAFSA Information", includes links to federal student aid resources, unaccompanied homeless youth determinations, FAFSA templates, quick tips for liaisons, FAFSA simplification act changes, and youth experiencing homelessness resources.