

THE HOPE TOOLKIT

Partnering with Faith-Based Organizations



Why Partner ?

Faith communities can be valuable partners for LEAs because they often:

- Have existing relationships with students and families within the community
- Reflect a heart to serve others and meet tangible needs
- Can provide regular weekly or monthly volunteers
- May offer financial assistance or host donation/collection drives for needed items
- Have existing programs or referral networks in place to help families in need
- Want to be engaged in the community around them

**"Coming together is a beginning,
staying together is progress, and
working together is success."
- Henry Ford**

How to Reach Out

- Find people with heart for the community.
- Get leadership on board.
- Show why your work matters to the community, to your families, to the academic success of students.
- Share how their contributions make a difference. Show why it matters that they join in.
- Share student stories, respecting confidentiality, that bring need to human level and show potential positive impact.
- Find the right fit. Everyone is good at doing something. Instead of trying to do everything, find the right fit and the best ways for others to contribute.
- Communicate clear expectations, policies, and timelines to ensure a positive experience for everyone.
- Invite others to contribute in the planning process and to bring their ideas, creativity, and skills.

About Us

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Through this toolkit, we want to offer what we have learned to other Local Education Agencies (LEAs) looking to enhance support for their McKinney-Vento students. We have pulled together tools, resources, and advice that we wish we had when we were starting out.

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Faith-Based Collaborative

Joining an existing faith-based collaborative is a valuable way to connect with faith leaders and invite them to support your efforts. These local groups often form to coordinate for disaster preparation and response or to bring together local leaders around specific issues relevant to their communities of faith.

If a local collaborative does not exist, consider convening one by reaching out to local faith-based nonprofits and clergy. Ask for recommendations of who to bring to the table and introduce them to your work.

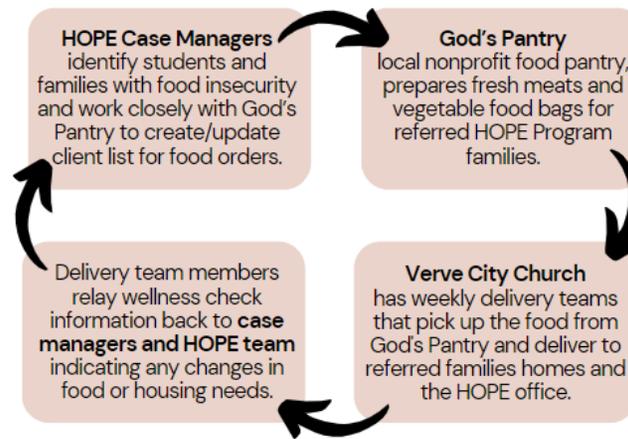
Our Collaborative Details

- Brings together representatives from 20+ different faith communities
- Meets quarterly
- Touchpoint for local faith leaders to stay informed of community needs and support ongoing work

HOPE in Action

Food Delivery Program

Our food delivery program is an example of a long-term integrated partnership with several specific faith-based groups. God's Pantry, a faith-based nonprofit food pantry, and Verve City Church support weekly food delivery to our HOPE families and help us in meeting the food needs of our students.



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