

## District Liaisons

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requires all school districts in the Commonwealth to identify and report a local homeless education liaison. District liaisons are charged with ensuring that students experiencing homelessness continue to be enrolled in, and have full and fair opportunity to succeed, to schools in their district. The liaisons oversee identification of homeless students and families for supports, school enrollment, attendance, and opportunities for academic success. They serve as the district point of contact for all issues regarding homeless students. District liaisons are responsible for overseeing the district McKinney-Vento grant and compliance with the legislation.

In Boston Public Schools, Mary William, HERN Program Director, serves as the district liaison. She is supported by Donna Casali, HERN Homeless Service Coordinator.

## State Coordinator

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has a Statewide Coordinator to oversee statewide implementation and enforcement of the McKinney-Vento Act. The office provides technical assistance to every school district in the Commonwealth. You can visit the Office for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth website at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mv/?section=office>.