

U.S. Department of Education

Policy Priority: The Department of Education is focused on ensuring that parents, students, and policymakers are able to use its publicly available data to take meaningful action to improve outcomes.

1. Supporting Decision-Making for Student Sub-populations and their Families

Problem: Certain mobile or disconnected student populations entering or reentering the community could greatly benefit from data and resources to support their wellbeing and success. Such students and families often lack information that is necessary to distinguish between their school options, access services, and identify affordable housing near high-quality school and in safe neighborhoods that have access to transit and employment.

Use Cases:

- Students reentering after incarceration – would benefit from connections to education, skills development, and employment
- Foster youth – would benefit from information regarding educational, financial, health, housing, and transportation services
- Recently-arrived immigrants (particularly non-English speakers) – would benefit from information on their rights, child care, transportation, employment, higher education, financial aid opportunities, adult education, and career and technical education

In collaboration with HUD, supporting mobility and decision making about schools and housing for families with housing choice vouchers:

- Families with housing choice vouchers – would benefit from information regarding where they can use vouchers to find housing in safe, high-resourced neighborhoods with access to high-quality schools.