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PROJECT

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“WE HELP EACH OTHER”

Parent Community Outreach Program

Greetings,

I would like to provide some definitions and priorities that exists and are at the core of what we do here at the Parent Community Outreach Program. Many of the families we serve are experiencing homelessness due to many reasons. If these families or students meet any of the criteria below, they are then eligible for support through our McKinny Vento Program or the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project.

- **McKinney Vento Act- Definition of homelessness:**

“Any child or youth who lacks fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence is considered to be experiencing homelessness. This includes those who are sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason; staying in motels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to the lack of an adequate alternative; staying in shelters or transitional housing; or sleeping in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, or similar settings. 42 U.S.C. §11434a(2).”

If the youth or young adult are also unaccompanied, then they’d be eligible for the YHDP program.

These students and families who are experiencing homelessness, students in foster care, and kinship who are taking care of students, are our initial priorities. We meet with the families and students individually to identify supports or services needed to assist them with exiting homelessness. Through harm reduction and non-judgmental attitudes, we are better able to help eliminate any barriers the students and families may have. The services we provide are listed at the bottom page of this report and vary by availability, request, and staff.

Currently, I am working with our financial teams to maximize our final ARP-HCY Funds. This was a grant we were awarded in 2021, through the department of ed and will be exhausted by September 2024.

HI-SET/ Adult Basic Education ~

We are still awaiting to hire a new Hi-Set Tutor for the 24/25 SY. Until then, I've referred our previously enrolled students to the BCC Hi-Set Program. Once we are able to hire a qualified Tutor, our goal will remain to recruit a total of 10 students and have all 10 ready to complete their Hi-Set test within 6 weeks of enrollment.

Grandparents Raising Grandkids/Kinship (a program within āisspōōmmoōtsiiyō•p) Kinship Program & Aging Mastery Program-

I have been attempting to make contact with our previously enrolled Kinship families and ensuring they have access to transportation and the BPS enrollment process. Many of these families were able to successfully enroll their students online without any issues.

We identified #224 students experiencing homelessness for the academic year 2023/2024

McKinney Vento (MV): I have been scanning each registration form online and attempting to identify families who are self-identify as experiencing homelessness and who may be eligible for additional supports through the McKinney Vento Program. This is a lengthy process for one person so it will take me some time to have an official count for this new school year. I have already had many families inquire about school supplies, clothing, shoes, and food.

Foster Care:

We will be requesting meetings with Child and Family Service Case Managers to assess each students needs to ensure they have equal access to receiving an appropriate education. We hope to maintain a working relationship with CPS so that we can all better serve the youth in our community.

Teen Parents:

We have the baby pantry stocked with diapers, wipes, clothing, shoes, wraps, and hygiene items. We have connected our teen parents who recently graduated to other early childhood learning programs as well as for the school based childcare program.

School-based Clothing Closets:

Located at Bullshoe Elementary, Babb, Napi, BMS, BHS and the Academy.
Unlimited access for any student of BPS.

For the 24/25 School Year, The PCOP will be providing the following services for students who are experiencing homelessness:

- **School Supplies**
- **Shoes**
- **Clothing**
- **Beds**
- **Bedding**
- **Towels**
- **Hygiene**
- **Winter gear**
- **Food Boxes**
- **Transportation**
- **Laundry Support**
- **Dishes**
- **Referrals for other supports**
- **Application Assistance**
- **Scholarship/Financial Aid information**
- **Graduation Attire**
- **Beading Supplies**
- **Weekend Back Pack Meals**
- **Holiday Dinners**
- **Christmas (Secret Santa)**
- **Prom Support**

Current Positions available within the Parent Community Outreach Program:

- YHDP Case Manager
- Hi-Set Tutor/Kinship Navigator

August/September Outreach Events:

- Free Hair Cuts for McKinney Vento Students (students and families experiencing homelessness):
- 1st session Aug. 21st and 2nd session September 7th-8th, 2024.

