

Early Childhood Learning Center

The Child Care center ended the year with 10 children enrolled. We are now holding spots for academic year 2022-2023. The number of available spots will be entirely dependent on staffing.

We applied for the Montana Childcare Innovation grant through the DPHHS. If awarded, we will be able to expand the childcare by adding an additional classroom, and two FTE staff as well. The grant would also allow us to hire three PTE high school students as work-study positions in a pre-apprenticeship program.

The grant required a cash flow worksheet be completed with the budget section. This worksheet demonstrated that the childcare has the potential to "break-even" if fully staffed and enrolled at full capacity.

Rose Racine attended the Montana Tribal Language Summit in Pablo. She and Robert Hall presented on the mini-grant we received and our plans for implementing language into the childcare center.

There are very exciting things shaping up for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year!

HI-SET & Adult Basic Education~

HiSET

We wrapped up academic year 2021-2022 with three Hi-SET graduates! We had hoped that they could participate in the BHS commencement ceremony, but our planning was too short noticed. Next year!

GRG/Kinship (a program within āiss□oōmmoŏtsiiyō•□)

We wrapped up academic year 2021-2022 with identifying a total of:

203 Kinship Families 531 Kinship Children

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McKinney Vento Data update: We identified #326 students as experiencing homelessness for academic year 2021-2022.

School-based Clothing Closets

Through donations received for the school-based clothing closets, the PCOP staff were able to fulfill #132 requests (ie. Work orders) for clothing items (ie. Shirts, pants, socks/underwear). We were also able to provide #132 winter coats (and twice that many hats/gloves). Finally, we provided shoes to #194 students. These totals do not include the daily requests and needs filled on-site at the specific buildings.

School-based Food Pantry

This academic year, PCOP staff provided #18 food boxes to families, and #60 food bags (weekend) for students unaccompanied and experiencing homelessness. These numbers do not include the specific buildings' totals. Additionally, for holiday meals, we provided:

#42 Thanksgiving dinners

#33 Christmas dinners

#30 Easter dinners

#3 Graduation dinners

We also oversaw the distribution of #6100 MFBN weekend backpack meals.

BPS YHDP

#55* unaccompanied homeless youth

*This number is included in the #326 posted above.

Foster Care

PCOP staff had the opportunity to meet with the acting director of the Blackfeet Family Services. We will be drafting and MOU for both the Tribe and BPS to review in relation to serving students in Foster Care.